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# ITALIANS ADVANCE FIVE MILES: FORCES CONVERGE ON JANINA

## Stubborn Resistance By Greeks Is Admitted; Italy And An Armistice

By REYNOLDS PACKARD  
United Press Staff Correspondent.

ROME, OCT. 31. (UP).—ITALIAN FORCES ARE CONVERGING IN A PINCHER MOVEMENT TO-NIGHT UPON THE TOWN OF JANINA, THE FIRST IMPORTANT TOWN BEYOND THE GREEK-ALBANIAN FRONTIER, ACCORDING TO DISPATCHES FROM ARGYROCASTRE.

## FRANCE NOT TO FIGHT BRITAIN

M. Laval's Assurances

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Oct. 31 (UP).—M. Pierre Laval to-day indicated that France would have no part in a war against Britain.

He stressed that collaboration with Germany would be colonial as well as economic, but he emphasised that collaboration excludes all ideas of aggression.

## British Pilots Batter Sea Ports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 31 (UP).—To-day's Air Ministry communique says that yesterday, bombs were dropped on Cherbourg harbour, and last night on the docks at Hamburg, Flushing and the naval base at Emden.

Rail's On Ostend

The Air Ministry also announced: "A small force of coastal command Blenheim planes last night struck at targets in Ostend Harbour. Our bombers scored direct hits freely on the quays and shipping berths. The crews could see debris thrown high in the air."

Incendiaries Do Damage

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Many tons of high explosive bombs and hundreds of incendiaries were dropped last night on the German-occupied ports of Flushing, Antwerp and Emden, states the Air Ministry news service.

The attack on Flushing began early in the evening and lasted just over an hour. Several sticks of bombs were dropped on Walcheren Canal and the inner and outer harbours, and though cloud and haze made it difficult to see the full results of the bombing, huge fire started between two docks was visible from 55 miles away.

At Antwerp, explosions and fires were reported in the harbour area.

At Emden, bursts were observed on a quay and in the harbour; one very bright fire was started while other fires were seen to spread rapidly.

One aircraft attacked a nearby railway junction, where a large fire occurred.

Britain Raided

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Isolated enemy aircraft made a number of attacks on various parts of the country since mid-day, states an Air Ministry communique.

Bombs were dropped in two towns in the eastern counties and at points in South Wales, and the Midlands, according to reports received.

Some of the small numbers of bombs which the resultant damage was slight.

The Vichy Foreign Minister stated this when he received the press at the Hotel Matignon in Paris to-night.

He warned his hearers that negotiations between France and Germany would be very difficult as long as military operations continued. However, he declared that France was preparing a precise answer to the German questionnaire and hoped to be able to give an answer soon.

Florence Meeting

ZURICH, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Decisions of capital importance concerning France were taken at the Florence meeting between Hitler and Mussolini. These decisions, the agency adds, are likely to be the subject of a speech which Hitler will shortly make at a specially convened meeting of the Reichstag.

U.S. To Build Ships For Britain

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, said the British Government has placed orders with American builders for a "large number" of new freight ships.

Won't Disclose Details

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The fact that the British Government had ordered a large number of freighters from the United States was disclosed by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, to-day, when he said that he did not know whether the orders involved the construction of a new shipyard in the United States for exclusive British use and declined to give details beyond saying that the British had ordered a large number of one standard-type freight ship.

## Willkie's Boast Of War Aid For Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 31 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, asserted this evening that he could gear up production in the United States for aeroplanes and other munitions to aid Britain, much better than could Mr. Roosevelt.

He addressed 10,000 people in the centre of the city.

Referring Mr. Roosevelt's speech at Boston last night, Mr. Willkie said, "If I am elected President, our production of planes will be geared up that a request for 12,000 planes by Britain would not even be news because it would be so insignificant."

Willkie's Accusation

BALTIMORE, Maryland, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—An allegation that President Roosevelt was trying to "appease" the totalitarian Powers was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie in his campaign speech here to-day.

Mr. Willkie promised to work for the "maintenance of peace in the Western Hemisphere" but said that he would not stand for a policy of appeasement. He contended that the Roosevelt administration had been "helping those very nations which the third term candidate says should be 'unantagonized' citing the recent release of a shipment of machine tools to Russia, the 'ally of Germany'."

Mr. Willkie added: "This is no way to protect ourselves. As President I will not help to mechanize the Red Army so that it can carry out its purposes. We shall feel well content to mechanize the army of the United States."

Mr. Willkie said appeasement was the surest way to war.

One column composed of Alpini Bersaglieri and also Albanian regiments is circling southward towards Janina from the frontier town of Perta. The second column is heading direct for Janina from the region of the Albanian town of Konispoli.

The Perta column is reported to have pushed within ten miles of Janina and the Konispoli column within five miles—at least one of them is expected to enter the objective before noon to-morrow. Another column is fighting forward towards Phorina in northern Greece aided by aeroplanes strafing mountain artillery.

WOULD DEMAND ABDICATION OF KING

Italian quarters have declined to discuss the reported armistice between Italy and Greece, declaring that the Italian occupation will continue whether or not it is resisted. It is emphasised among most quarters here that the Italians would only consider overtures envisaging the abdication of the present King of Greece and the capitulation of General Metaxas and his followers.

Reports from Ohrid state that the Italians at dawn to-day occupied the small Greek village of Kastanani several metres to the south of Konispoli and that they also attacked the Greek town of Melisopetra on the main road to Janina where they were repulsed by the Greeks.

Bad Weather

Bad weather along the whole battle line is reported to have hampered operations through the night. At dawn heavy cannonading was audible on the Yugo-Slavian border from the direction of the Albanian village of Bilista near Prespa.

It was reported that at about 6 a.m. Italian troops from the Albanian town of Mesarie crossed the frontier and followed the main road to Janina. They attacked a bridge over the Tiver Yvosa but were halted by Greek artillery and repulsed after an hour's fighting. Seventeen Italians were killed and forty wounded, while four Greeks were seriously wounded.

The main concentration of Italian troops on the Greek frontier are said to be at Mesarie, according to the reports from Ohrid.

Five-Mile Advance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

The Italians are reported to have advanced five miles along the Delvino-Janina road despite strong Greek resistance, says a "United Press" message from Ohrid. The Rome newspapers assert that the Italian advance is proceeding steadily, although they confess the Greeks are

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## OFFERS TO AID GREEKS

### Soviet Planes Denial

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Offers of aid from wealthy Greeks are pouring into Government offices.

One woman ship-owner has written to General Metaxas placing three vessels at the disposal of the nation.

A Greek family living in London has cabled £5,000 as a contribution to the air force.

Many public and private bodies in Greece have remitted large sums for the same purpose.

Stories of brilliant feats of arms by Greek soldiers are beginning to reach Athens.

An entire division of Italian Alpine troops are reported to have been held up for many hours in the mountains by only three Greek companies.

Elsewhere a Greek platoon, making clever use of the ground, routed two Italian companies.

100 Warplanes Story

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—A report that over 100 warplanes have been supplied by the Soviet to Greece in the last few days is emphatically denied by the official Soviet agency, according to the Moscow radio.

## POLISH-CZECH CO-OPERATION

Fear Of Massacre For Sabotage

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Close co-operation and collaboration between the Polish and Czech-Slovak people "who were in the same arena fighting for God against the devil" was urged by M. Jan Masaryk, the Czech-Slovak Minister in London in a speech to the New Europe Circle in London to-day.

Mr. Masaryk said: "We are not doing any sabotage for the simple reason that we would be massacred, but the wheels in Slovakia do not revolve quite as quickly as they did two years ago, and things do not come out as beautifully finished as they did."

Mr. Masaryk added that they were fighting Laval just as much as Hitler, and that it was a terrible idea that the soul of France was going to be chained to Hitler's apple-cart.

## R.A.F. DID THIS IN GERMANY



Proving that the Air Ministry's claims regarding R. A. F. attacks on German cities are not wild imaginings, this picture taken by an American agency, shows Nazi firemen trying to fight the flames in a huge timber yard set ablaze by British incendiary bombs in a recent raid on a north German town.

## ICHANG TO BE EVACUATED?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Oct. 31 (UP).—Banking circles have reported that large fires are raging in Ichang, indicating a possible Japanese evacuation.

The Chinese military spokesman, however, said that he had no information on the subject at the present.

## 28 Missing From Sunk French Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Admiralty has listed 28 missing and 16 rescued from the commandeered French steamer St. Malo which was sunk by enemy action last Saturday on the high seas.

Berlin Claim

BERLIN, Oct. 31 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the British merchant vessel Starstone, 5,700 tons, has been sunk west of Ireland by heavy calibre bombs.

## Another Mouth For Goebbels To Feed

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Frau Goebbels presented her husband with their seventh child—a daughter—to-day, says a Berlin report.

## U.S. Planes To Speed British Victory

Producers' Great Efforts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The United States War Department is reported to have planned the production of 12,000 additional bombers, largely with the help of the motor car industry.

This programme, estimated to cost \$2,000,000,000, is stated by independent sources to cover the 12,000 planes asked for by Britain.

It is believed that the War Department proposes the erection of two large factories to assemble the parts manufactured in motor car factories. Whether these will be operated by the Government or by the aircraft or motor car industry is not yet decided.

1,300 Planes A Month

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The United States is at present sending Britain between 250 and 300 planes a month, it is estimated, and with every effort being made to speed up production, this figure should be steadily increased.

President Roosevelt's allusion in his speech at Boston last night to Britain's request for additional planes refers to the scheme broached by British purchasing officials to the Treasury some weeks ago when they enquired if it would be possible for the United States to produce 3,000 planes a month for Britain.

Two Bottlenecks

Investigations have shown that this is hardly feasible and that it would require the establishment of nearly 40 new factories. Estimates were given for the production of about 1,200 planes a month, and a new British order for 12,000 planes.

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## Black Sea Interests At Stake

No Soviet Promise To Turks

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Reports that the Soviet Union has promised to assist Turkey in the event of a German attack on the Dardanelles are ridiculed here.

The Turkish view apparently is that if the Soviet Union had felt strong enough to challenge Germany she would have prevented her establishing herself on the Black Sea coast.

According to reports reaching Ankara from Moscow, Soviet officials are already hinting that the Straits are of no great interest to the Soviet Union anyway.

## LATEST

## Aberdeen Outrage

A little Chinese girl was done to death yesterday morning in her father's hut at Aberdeen while he was away marketing vegetables. Police found the girl, Tsui Lan, aged 9, bound hand and foot with a bloodstained towel round her neck. The towel had apparently been used as a gag.

Some articles of clothing and a chicken were missing suggesting that robbery was the motive.

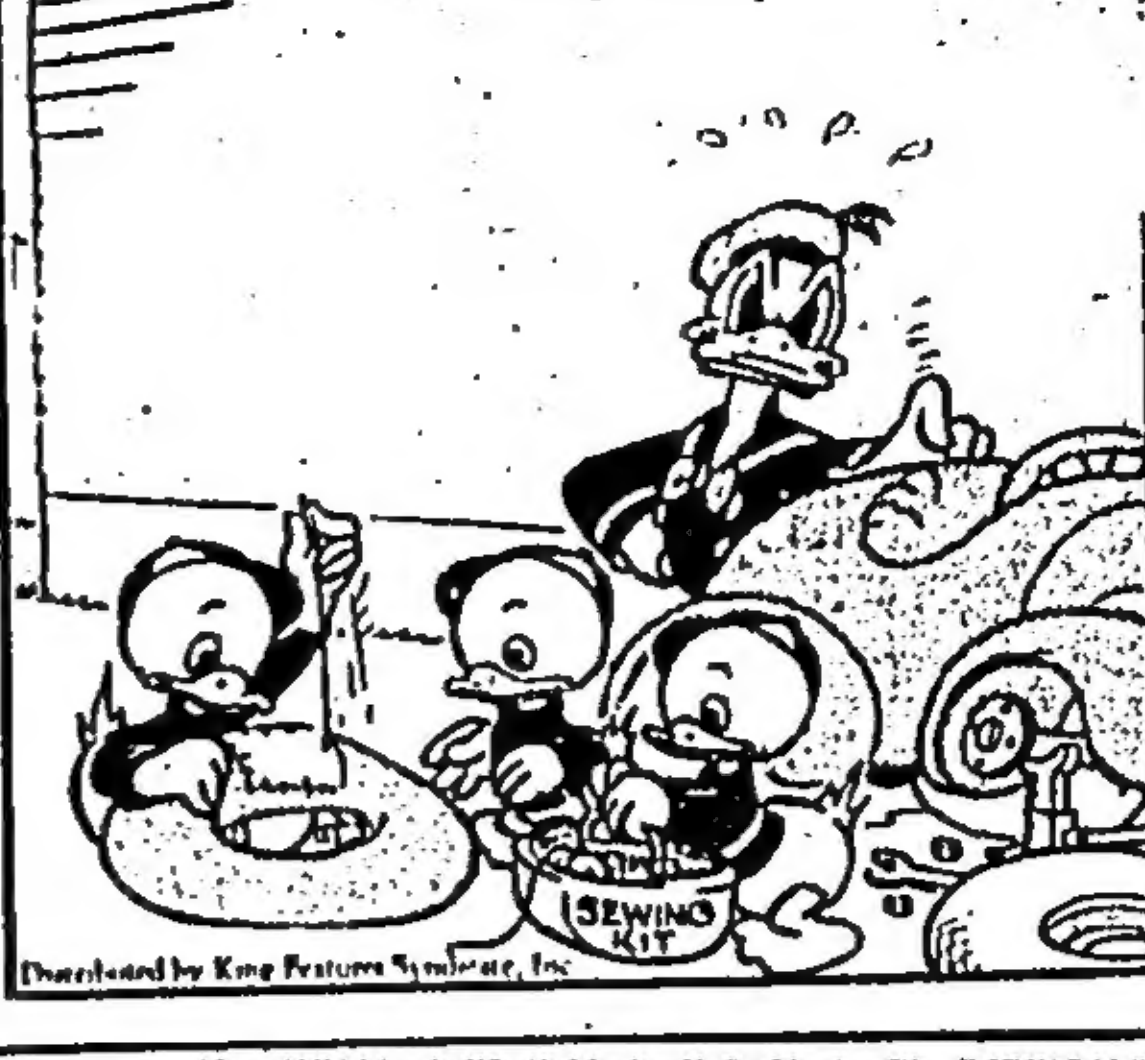
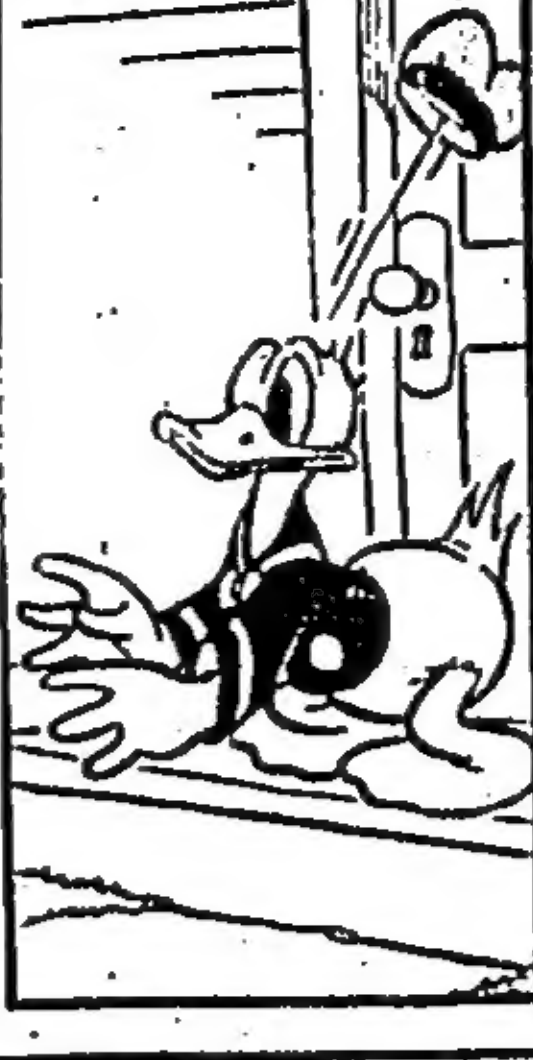
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## AIRMEN ACT AS TARGETS

By JOHN CASHEL

SIXPENCE a day to be bombed! Don't laugh. That really happens.

I have just been talking to Three Men in a Yellow Boat who offer themselves as human targets though, their lives being precious, a substantial slab of protective armour is placed between them and the rain of high explosive.

They are one of many tries of brave men of Britain's Royal Air Force who speed over the coastal ranges round our shores in armoured target motor-boats so that our bombers can learn and perfect their aim by practising the real thing.

The airmen drop live explosives weighing about eleven pounds each, large enough when they find their elusive mark to dent the three and a half tons of armour protecting the little target boat and to give the three men inside it an unpleasant shake-up.

They wear crash-helmets and ear-protectors, and the armour covers the wheel-house, engine-room and hull of their craft. The rest is packed with a buoyant material to prevent it from being sunk by a good hit.

THE boat is painted yellow—the R.A.F.'s colour to distinguish training aircraft and this colouring also helps to show up the tiny target boats to the bombers as they will have nothing so small to attack in the shape of enemy objectives.

The target boats flash along at 20 knots, turning, zig-zagging, dodging the practice bombers. A hit sometimes capsizes them. The three men, good swimmers and specially trained for the job, dive clear, right their boat if it does not automatically right itself, clamber in again, ready for the next fall of bombs.

Nothing extraordinary for them. Just routine heroics!

THEIR captain is a corporal earning 7s. 6d. a day. The other two are leading aircraftmen, pay 5s. 3d., or possibly one is an aircraftman, pay 4s. 6d.

Each receives an extra sixpence a day when at sea. Another sixpence beyond that when they are bombed, proud to be chosen for the privilege of earning that last sixpence. They are one section of the little-known sea-arm of the flying men, the R.A.F.'s Own Navy, operated by Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill's Coastal Command.

Day and night, at the Command's sea stations around Britain's 4,000 miles of coastline, the Airmen's Fleet never stops working.

Come to a typical station. Besides the target boats you see the better-known high-speed launches. With a crew of ten under a master mariner, they race out at 40 knots, rescuing Nazi airmen shot or forced down at sea, and—although this need is less often—our own sea-wrecked airmen.

They are assisted by their smaller sisters, the 13-knot pinnaces, with a crew of five. These are the Fleet's maids-of-all-work.

Look at that one. It is laying a flare-path so that a flying-boat can see to take off and another to come down. A second pinnace dashes across the harbour carrying stores of water. A third is off to recover torpedoes fired by air-craft at practice over the bombing range.

THERE'S another different craft—a seaplane tender or crashboat. It's speeding towards a plane that has been forced down at practice. Always during practice a crash-boat is standing by ready to give aid in emergency.

And what's that? A flying-boat refueller moving off to the anchorage of half a dozen flying-boats.

They're just back from patrol, the Eyes Over the Sea, after keeping ceaseless vigil on all Hitler is doing at the occupied ports from Norway's Bergen to France's Bordeaux, on whatever Nazi ship puts its nose into the North Sea or the Channel, on enemy planes that set out to reconnoitre or raid Britain.

The flying-boat patrols are our first line of defence. They must be refuelled immediately they come back, ready for instant action again. The re-

fueller is quickly at their side, doing the job.

Something else is there, too. A flat-bottomed steel shell, known as a bomb-scow. The flying-boat, if the hunting has been good, needs a fresh load of bombs as well as petrol.

They want the bombs, the bomb-scow has them. They are soon hoist aboard. No waiting. The flying-boat is not allowed for one moment to sit "empty."

Sometimes the bombers practise far out at sea. When they do that the R.A.F. has steam-driven trawler and drifter auxiliaries to retrieve any torpedoes used.

EVEN these auxiliaries do not exhaust the variety of this diverse Fleet. There are the mooring boats, with an immense task to fulfil. All round the coasts are the mooring sites for flying-boats.

Day and night they must be kept in perfect order. Round and round, doing the job, go the mooring boats, supplementing the work of the land mooring staffs.

Fast dinghies provide communication between shore and aircraft at every sea station of Coastal Command, which ever has its own floating dock.

Broadly speaking, every high-speed launch that puts to sea on its mission of mercy, every major movement of this motley fleet, is like all coastal flying operations, directed over the wireless and other inter-communication lines from the G.H.Q.'s Ops. Room, the Brain-Box of C.C.

And the brain inside the box—Bowhill—does he see much? "answered one of his staff, "Why he lives there!"

## Pupils Missing After Bombs Fell On School

Several boys were missing when the roll was called after bombs had damaged a school in a town on the south-west coast of England. The body of one boy was recovered. A few others were injured and are in hospital.

Two nurses were seriously hurt when a Midlands sanatorium was hit, but the 330 patients had been taken to shelter and were untouched.

A bomb which seriously damaged the nurses' home inflicted the two casualties. An annex to a ward in the main building, which the patients had just left, was also damaged.

An enemy bomber crossing the south-east coast saw a grounded plane.

Thinking it was on an aerodrome, the German released some heavy bombs, all of which fell wide of the mark.

The plane on the ground was a Messerschmitt 110 which had been shot down by a Spitfire hours before. The pilot had been badly wounded, but the second occupant was unharmed.

Home Guards opened fire when another south-east raider swept low over a seaside village.

"He was so low that if we had been using tracer bullets we could have got him," said one of them.

Raiders Drowned

A night raider was shot down off the north-east coast of England.

The plane was caught in search-lights as it was driven out to sea. There was heavy anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire.

## FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Call up the broadcasting company and tell that woman her slip's showing!"

## MANILA'S HUMAN MOSQUITO TRAP

To help solve the unemployment problem and also study the habits of mosquitoes, Manila City Sanitary Engineer E. L. Ejercito has invented a "human mosquito-trap," reports United Press.

## Girls Kept At It Near Time Bomb

Stories of "Keep at it" heroines he had met in bombed areas of the Midlands were told by Mr. Herbert Morrison.

The Minister of Supply returned to London from a tour of his Department's factories.

An unexploded bomb (related the Minister) was 50 yards from the office of an arms factory. Four girls, Misses Batchelor, Joan, Blackwell, Joan Burns and Gertrude Sanders, and an important job to do in that office.

Went On Working

Despite the danger they went on working, cheerfully and without fuss, for three days until the bomb, the area round which had been sandbagged, was made harmless.

Mr. Morrison talked to these four girls and congratulated them on their fine devotion to duty.

"You were grand," he said.

He also told how a number of heavy "delayed action" bombs were dropped near another factory, missed their objective, and fell in a store.

Because it was not certain whether all the bombs had exploded, the whole of the adjoining general office building was evacuated, with the exception of the telephone exchange.

Aware Of Risk

If the telephone service had been shut down production would have been seriously interfered with. So a call was made for girls to volunteer to operate a skeleton service.

Six out of the eight girls then on duty—Misses E. M. Legge, D. Ager, W. Bibby, D. Russell, J. M. Arrow-smith and B. J. Wyatt—asked to be allowed to stay at their switchboards, though fully aware of the risk.

Finally selection had to be made by seniority; and four senior girls stayed at their posts in a room almost vertically above the position of the bomb until the danger was over five hours later.

Mr. Morrison commented: "When Hitler planned war against Britain, he couldn't have known our people were made of such stuff as this."

The trap consists of a box with screened sides inside a large, similarly constructed box. Mosquitoes will be inveigled through holes in the big box by the smell of "live" human bait inside the small box. The screens around the small box will protect the bait and enable department officials to capture the mosquitoes alive.

City experts anticipate a flood of applicants for the Peso 1.25 a day job, inasmuch as all the bait has to do is lie inside the trap eight hours a day and attract mosquitoes. Health officials were silent on whether or not persons naturally attractive to mosquitoes will be given preference.

Four such traps are being constructed by the City Health Department to be installed in four sections of the city. The mosquito season begins in December and ends in May, just as the rains begin, and, according to health authorities, failure to exterminate the mosquitoes is due to lack of knowledge on what kind of mosquitoes thrive in each part of the city. The traps will help overcome this, health experts hope.

## Invasion Bells Were Rung In Error

London, Sept. 9.

Church bells, the signal for attempted invasion, were rung in two areas—false alarms—on September 7. Suspicions were aroused when at a coastal town men had seen boats that could not be accounted for coming towards the town and the whole West Country was on the alert for five hours.

It may have been due to a fishing fleet returning through the mist—then expected. Police in Surrey are investigating another false alarm given on September 7 in the Woking area, which greatly alarmed householders.

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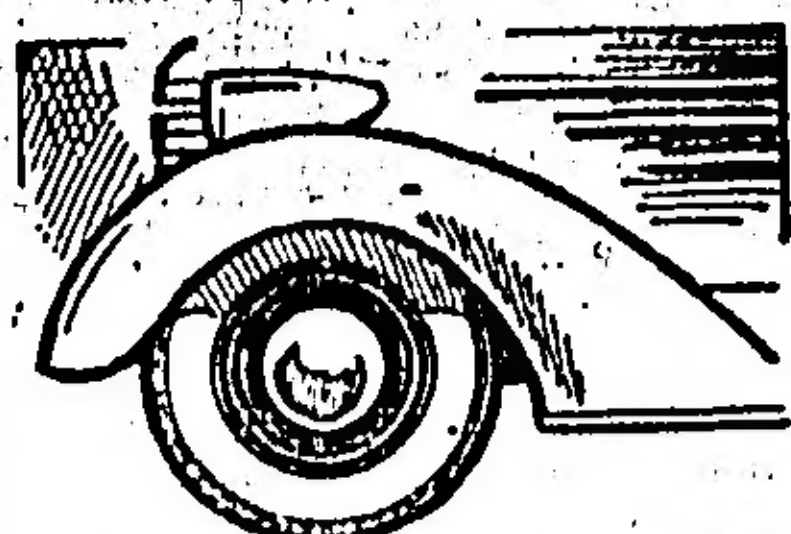
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### BRUTAL ACT

THE heartless cynic will remark that the shooting down of a defenceless C.N.A.C. passenger plane by Japanese war machines, resulting in the death of nine people, including the American pilot, Mr. W. C. Kent, is just part of the fortunes of war—a cynicism which is given additional sting by the fact that it constitutes but one of many barbarous acts connected with a war which, according to international law, does not exist!

Technically speaking there is little or no difference between deliberately shooting down an unarmed plane loaded with civilians and just as deliberately bombing civilian populations; the point is, both are horrible acts, without justification.

An expression of regret from Tokyo would not have been out of place. The more charitably minded would like to think that the act was that of an irresponsible squadron leader with his senses temporarily blinded by the lust of war; but Tokyo has displayed complete indifference, while the Japanese news agencies did not even report the occurrence; this suggests official connivance in brutality, and the attitude calls for condemnation. The affair is not only a tragedy; it is another tragic blunder on the part of the Japanese militarists, for its only effect is further to alienate world opinion and to make China more and more determined to fight to the end.

### WOMEN'S DEFIANCE

IT is commonly said that to be sure of success a great cause must have the devoted support of the women of a nation. There can be no doubt of where and how the women of the British Commonwealth stand in this struggle to preserve liberty, dignity, and honour. They know that this is peculiarly a woman's cause, and that if it is lost everything for which they have fought for generations will vanish. That is why every plan to help the war in which women have been specially enlisted has been carried through with such energy.

These manifestations of the war spirit pass through various stages, nerve-

# WILL EUROPE STARVE?

## On Hitler Rests The Legal and Moral Responsibility

The events of the last few months have completely altered the character of the British blockade of Germany. At the beginning of the year it was possible to consider Germany as a unit and make certain modifications for imports from contiguous countries. To-day the producing and consuming unit to which the blockade applies is, with minor modifications, the Continent of Europe, almost the whole of which is allied to Germany or occupied or economically dominated by her.

Within the Continent commodities will be exchanged as freely as Germany permits, while trade with non-European countries, provided the blockade is reasonably effective, will be difficult or impossible. Perhaps the most important effects of this change, from the military point of view, are to be found on the side of raw materials.

Germany is now assured of adequate supplies of iron and bauxite, but her supplies of many other vital materials—oil, coal, textiles, rubber, and certain minerals—have been substantially increased, while the demands on them have become much greater. But the most dramatic problem which arises concerns the Continent's supplies of food. Is it true, as we have been told by certain people on both sides of the Atlantic, that Europe faces starvation?

A definite and certain answer is not possible for a number of reasons. One does not know just how effective the blockade will be; how much food will be sold to Germany by Russia; how much the remaining independent countries will be permitted to import. Nor can one make accurate estimates of Continental stocks, or of recent or future production.

The statistics are reasonably complete to the end of 1938; they must be supplemented by incomplete figures for 1939, estimates for 1940, and guesses for 1941 and subsequent years. Nevertheless, a careful study of production and trends to the end of 1938, modified to take into account the factors which have been operating since that time, does give us an idea, probably not wildly inaccurate, of the Continent's prospects of feeding itself. For the purposes of this study the Continent is taken to include all European countries with the exception of U.S.S.R., Turkey, and the British Isles.

### Exaggeration

Stated baldly, the principal conclusion is that the danger of general starvation on the Continent has been grossly exaggerated; but it is necessary to distinguish between short-run prospects during the coming winter and the longer run. In the longer run, during the next few years, Continental production can reasonably be expected to approximate to normal consumption. There will be no surplus to be wasted or diverted to munitions industries. Careful planning of consumption and distribution will be required, in-

The first is that of the natural fear and hatred of war. Then comes the protective, when the first care is for the lives and comfort of their menfolk exposed to the dangers of war. There may be other stages not so clearly marked, but there is one stage which is peculiar to this war. Women themselves and their children are flung into the firing line, subjected to alarms and death in its most forbidding aspects. And their passion of anger and hatred is concentrated upon one man—and who can hate like a woman roused?

According to some observers, many women have come to that stage in which their predominant desire and resolution is to live till vengeance is wreaked upon the arch-criminal. They no longer fear him. They defy him, and scorn his threat to grind them down in the war of

cluding some adjustment of customary diets, but unless there is a succession of bad crops the total supply of essential foods should be adequate or nearly so. Poverty and autarchy have combined since the last War to make the Continent almost self-sufficient.

This is true of grains, on which the fight for self-sufficiency in Germany and Italy has concentrated with marked success. In a good crop year the Continent is self-sufficient in grains; in a normal year it is over 80 per cent. self-sufficient. The position in wheat and rye, the two most important for human consumption, is even more favourable. In meat and dairy and poultry produce Europe is more than self-sufficient.

In the years before the war it imported a little beef and mutton, but exported substantially greater quantities of bacon, ham, and pork. It also exported each year over 200,000 tons of butter, over 200,000 tons of milk, over 50,000 tons of cheese, and over 100,000 tons of eggs. Shortage of fodder will make it necessary to reduce dairy herds and poultry, but unless this has to be done on a very large scale production will not be reduced much below normal consumption, and the surplus meat resulting from the slaughterings can in any case be preserved or canned.

### "Autarchy" Success

Vegetables are almost everywhere a local crop. On the Continent production and consumption have normally been balanced, and production can be increased. There is a shortage of fruit, but it is not large. Orange production almost equals consumption in years when the Mediterranean crop is good, and there is a surplus of lemons.

"Autarchy" has scored another success in the production of sugar, where the deficiency in the years before the war was only of the order of 8 per cent. The European consumer will have to forego coffee, as well as tea, which he has never learned to drink, and the third of his tobacco, but these deprivations, while unpleasant, will not be injurious to health. The most surprising Continental shortage is in wine, which France imported in vast quantities from Algeria, but in this food the remainder of the Continent is just self-sufficient.

It is not until we turn to the last important group of foodstuffs, the edible oils and fats, that we find a marked deficiency. Before the war the Continent produced olives and oil seeds and nuts sufficient to supply just over a third of its total consumption of vegetable oils; and if whole oil, supplied from the Antarctic, and used for the same purpose as the vegetable oils, is added to the imports, the proportion falls to under a third.

The subject of oils and fats is one of the greatest complexity, and it is difficult to estimate how serious the deficiency in the Continental diet would be. The chief edible products made from vegetable and marine oils are margarine, compound lard, and table oils. They and animal fats are also extensively used in industry, chiefly in making soap, but also as lubricants and in the manufacture of explosives.

### Winter Conditions

The deficiency is much less important than it seems at first sight for two reasons. The first is that the Continent has always relied chiefly on fats of animal origin. If we add estimates of the production and trade in butter, lard, and suet to the figures for vegetable and marine oils, the percentage produced at home rises from about 30 per cent. to over 60 per cent. The second reason is that, above a certain minimum, fats are not an essential item of diet. That minimum is fully supplied from animal sources—from meat, milk, and cheese, as well as from the more or less pure animal fats included in the above computation.

Probably not more than 6 or 7 per cent. of the total calories consumed on the Continent are provided from vegetable or whale oils; which means that the loss of two-thirds of their supply, while it will cause some privation, cannot in itself cause famine.

The maintenance in future years of supplies of meat, animal products, and to a less extent grains, depends upon adequate supplies of fodder and fertilizers. Before the war the deficiency in fodder supplies was met by the import of maize, barley, oats, and seeds for the manufacture of oil cake. The total deficiency in feed grains and cake, however, was only of the order of 10 or 15 per cent., and the position is really better than this, since large quantities of home produced grasses, legumes, and pulses are used as feed. There has been some slaughtering of animals, and there will have to be more, but most Continental animals can normally be fed from domestic production.

The position in fertilizers is sound. Since 1914 the manufacture of synthetic nitrates has made the Continent practically self-sufficient in nitrogen fertilizers, which are the most important. There is a surplus of potassic fertilizers, and a 30 per cent. deficiency in phosphates can probably be made good, in part at least, by the normal imports from the U.S.S.R. and French North Africa.

### Grain Stocks

What has been said so far relates to more or less normal conditions, to the sort of conditions which might be expected in 1941 or 1942. The position this winter is complicated by the fact that the 1940 crop is well below normal in most parts of the Continent, due to the severe winter and late spring. Labour shortages, and some destruction by lightning. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the 1940 wheat crop at 34,000,000 tons, which is about 80 per cent. of normal consumption, and while no estimates of other crops are available, it is probable that they are down in something like the same proportion.

Matters would therefore be serious, although not quite desperate, if there were not normally large stocks available to meet the deficiency. Figures on stocks are incomplete and unreliable, but they can be verified and supplemented by comparing available supplies in recent years with normal consumption. It is possible to conclude with some confidence that at the beginning of the war total stocks of grains in Europe were well in excess of a normal year's imports and that they have not yet been substantially reduced.

Grain consumption could certainly be maintained at 80 per cent. of normal during 1940-41, while leaving a carry-over to meet a future emergency. Stocks, like crops, are not evenly distributed. Most were accumulated or have now been seized by Germany. Almost all are now under her control. If she does not use them where they are required the result will be local famines.

That is the crux of the matter. The fact that there is enough food produced or stored on the Continent to meet subsistence needs, this winter and in the future, does not mean that nobody will starve. It merely means that nobody need starve, that deficiencies in some regions can be offset by surpluses or stocks elsewhere. There will be shortages in the Low Countries, Poland, Norway, and parts of France. Whether or not they are made good depends upon the decision of the Reich.

The legal and moral responsibility rests with Hitler, as Professor Goodhart demonstrated recently, but he may refuse to assume it, as an aid to his anti-British propaganda. In the hope of embittering Anglo-American relations, or simply because he does not want to use up German reserves for this purpose. If he does adopt this policy, and local famine results, it is important that the world should know that German boasts of ample food supplies, while not literally true, are true enough to enable Germany to sustain the peoples she has conquered.

## A. J. McWHINNIE

Introduces you in this article to the

# SEVEN SEAS PATROL

I HAVE just come ashore at a northern port from a fine 11,000-ton liner which is now an armed merchant cruiser.

Once, she carried millionaires to the East. Now the Navy takes her through the silence of the Northern Patrol.

Where they played deck games a year ago, the Navy's big guns are manned to-day.

Where the strains of foxtrots and rumbus used to float through the ship, you can now hear only an odd mouth-organ shanty from a sailor off watch.

I went on board that armed merchant cruiser expecting thrilling tales of racing guns—icebergs, tales of devil fights at sea. But all the blockade boys wanted to talk about was how YOU at home were standing up to your encounter with the enemy.

They wanted to hear about the women and kids whose spirit Hitler's bombers cannot kill.

They wanted news of the industrial areas where men and girls on vital work volunteer to stay at their benches and machines while the bombs are falling.

How many times have you been proud of the Navy? To-day the Navy has that same pride in you.

Men who know no fear themselves are thrilled by you at home. In the captain's cabin, with the commander on the bridge, in the wardroom, and down on the mess-deck, it was always the same. The heroes of the sea these days are thrilled by the bravery of the landlubbers.

They themselves haven't been getting near the enemy, because the enemy won't come out.

Away on the loneliest ocean patrols in the world—the Arctic and the North and South Atlantic—they sigh for a sudden decision by Hitler to try to sneak his bottled-up ships out of safe harbours. They yearn for action.

Month after month they have been hoping the enemy would show up. Month after month they have been disappointed. But they sail on, peering through the icy darkness of Northern nights . . . watching and hoping.

Although their work is "dull" to them, you'd search the seas without finding happier crews.

There is the same matey atmosphere in an armed merchant cruiser that you find in the destroyers. Yet the crews are hot-potches, drawn from every conceivable branch of the sea service.

Some of them sailed in this ship when she was a luxury liner. The Admiralty took her over and invited the men. So the men came too.

The captain, a rugged, sun-tanned horse-loving squire, had a brief retirement after a fine record of naval service. When the call came, he put on his uniform again.

### Naval Reserves

So did the commander. He left his office, set amid the roar and bustle of the City, for the bleak silent blackness of the Northern patrol.

So did the old Yeoman of Signals, with more than 30 years' service in the Royal Navy to his credit. But, as he told me, "me and the captain were proud to come back."

Then there were officers and men who sailed the news and the Red Ensign in other ships but came to the Navy as Royal Navy reserves. There were business and professional men who were called up as members of the R.N.V.R.

There was an income-tax collector among them. There were boys straight from the Universities. There were others whose shore jobs weren't much good, anyway. A mixed complement.

But they've pulled together with the same ideals. They share the same disappointment, because the guns are silent.

They know that successful blockading was always the same.

### Jellicoe's Pride

Collingwood had to face up to the tedium aboard ship when there was no possibility of battle. Didn't he say nearly 150 years ago that his wife was forever at work "to keep my people employed both for health's sake and to save them from mischief?"

And didn't Jellicoe, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet from 1914 to 1916, show that he appreciated the kind of boredom you get in a warship, which can't find a fight?

"I feel," he said, "prouder with every day that passes that I command such men, and during the period of waiting and watching they are cheerful and contented, in spite of the grey dullness of their lives."

Whenever the Italian fleet pokes its nose out of safety, the Navy in the Mediterranean has a bit of excitement, too.

And you at home are getting enough war in a night to last you a lifetime.

But our successful blockading squadrons just sail on, though they're spending for a fight. The longer they don't run into action, the more successful their work is.

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Sure I got a husband! He ain't never home. I got nobody to talk to. . . I got nobody to be with. . . I want to see somebody. . . just see 'em and talk to 'em. I come from a nice home. I was brought up by nice people. I'm straight, I tell you. NOBODY'S GOT NO RIGHT TO CALL ME NAMES!

John Steinbeck  
**OF MICE  
AND MEN**  
Author of  
"THE GRAPES OF WRATH"

TO-DAY AT THE KING'S THEATRE



## CANADA'S WAR HUSTLE

### New Contracts

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—New contracts for war supplies totalling 2,280 and representing an average of one contract every 70 seconds during each working day, were placed in the first week of October by the Ministry of Munitions.

This was the largest number of contracts placed in any week since war began.

These facts were given by Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply. He further stated that three times as many contracts had been placed in six months since the Ministry took over the work of the War Supply Board, compared with the previous nine months.

Orders for the Canadian account total £86,750,000 plus nearly £30,000,000 for the British account.

#### Complete Aircraft

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Canada will be able to ship complete aeroplanes to Great Britain within a few months.

Hitherto Canadian companies have only built aircraft frames, the engines being installed in British plants.

Negotiations are now under way with a British firm to obtain patents and plans and British craftsmen will be sent to Canada to supervise construction of the plant.

While normally it would require two years before the first units could be produced on a mass production basis, it is estimated that with the help of skilled British craftsmen, Canadian production will begin within a few months.

About 11,000 persons are now employed in the Canadian aircraft industry—an increase of roughly 40 per cent. during the last three months.

## WILHELMSTRASSE CHANGES VIEWS

### An Italo-Greek War

BRUSSELS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The Wilhelmstrasse view of the Italian conflict with Greece has changed, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten".

It is suggested that the Italo-Greek war will soon have consequences for Germany's relations with Hungary.

Official circles in Berlin compare Italy's action in Greece with Germany's action in Norway.

The political solidarity of Berlin and Rome is emphasised, seeing that the action against Greece is part of the common warfare against Britain.

Neutral observers are seriously concerned at the danger of extension of the Italo-Greek conflict, adds the correspondent.

## Viceroy Of India To Stay

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Lord Linlithgow's term of office as Viceroy of India is extended for a further period of a year from April, 1941.



## FOOT ITCH

### ATHLETE'S FOOT

According to the Government Health Bulletin No. 228, at least 50% of the adult population of the United States are attacked by the disease known as Athlete's Foot.

Usually the disease starts between the toes. Little watery blisters form and the skin cracks and peels. After a while the itching becomes intense and you feel as though you would like to scratch all the time.

**Beware of It Spreading**  
Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the feet. The soles of your feet become red and swollen. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and worse.

Get rid of Athlete's Foot as quickly as possible, because it is very contagious and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crease of the neck.

Most people who have Athlete's Foot have tried all kinds of remedies to cure it without success. Ordinary germicides, antiseptics, salve or ointments, seldom do any good.

**Here's How to Treat It**  
The germ that causes the disease is known as Trichophyton. It buries itself deep in the tissues of the skin and is very hard to kill. A test made shows it takes a minimum of 100 days to kill the germ. So you can see why the ordinary remedies are unsuccessful.

It was developed solely for the purpose of treating Athlete's Foot. It is a liquid that penetrates and dissolves the germ. It is applied to the infected parts. It peels off the tissue of the skin where the germ breeds.

**Itching Stops Immediately**  
As soon as you apply it, if you will find that the itching is immediately stopped. You should paint the infected parts with it 2 or 3 times a day. From three to ten days, although in severe cases it may take longer or in mild cases less time. It will leave the skin soft and smooth. You will marvel at the quick way it brings you relief. Remember it is one of those who have it for years to get rid of Athlete's Foot without success.

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ROYALTY AT CAPE COD—Crown Princess Martha of Norway and her three children, who have taken refuge in U. S., are shown at beach at Wianco, Cape Cod, Mass., where they are guests of Frederic Schoaffer. Children, from left: Ragnhild, Harald and Astrid.

## U.S. Interest In Vichy Policy Answered

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—M. Henri Haye, the French Ambassador, to-day gave the State Department renewed assurance that the United States had nothing to fear from possible developments affecting French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

Talking to pressmen after conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, M. Haye said he had delivered assurances that negotiations between France, Germany and Italy did not involve the question of any cession of territory or a separate peace with Germany.

A message received from Vichy last night, he said, denied that Germany had made any proposal for formal peace in the negotiations.

M. Haye added that he had not yet received any reply from Marshal Petain to President Roosevelt's message with regard to French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

### Nehru Arrested

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian leader, one of the two men chosen by Mahatma Gandhi to make anti-war speeches in India, was arrested at Allahabad to-night, according to the Delhi radio.

## Mrs. Earl Browder To Leave

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The Department of Justice has ordered deportation to Russia of Mrs. Helen Berkman Browder, wife of Earl Browder, the Communist leader, on the ground that she entered the United States illegally.

The Browners were married in Moscow in 1926.

### British Garrison In Iceland Visited

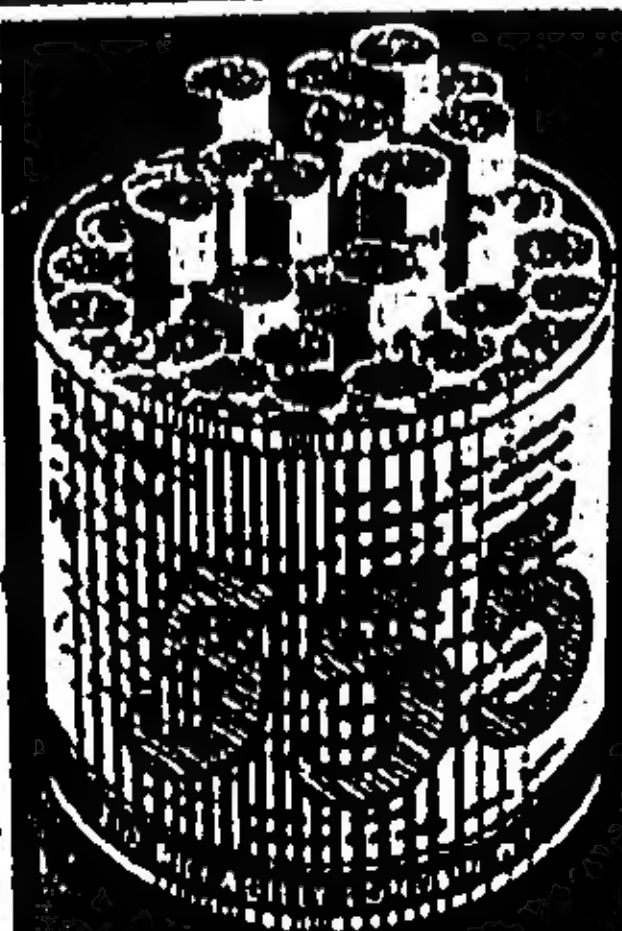
LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—General Viscount Gort, Inspector-General of the Forces for Training, has returned to England after a fortnight's visit to the troops in Iceland, according to a War Office announcement.

## Smash Italians Now Says Lord Chatfield

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, who was formerly Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, thinks that Britain should strike violent blows against Italy now.

Britain had naval forces in the Mediterranean able to contain the Italian Fleet, to hold the Straits of Gibraltar and to protect the Suez Canal.

In invading Greece through Albania, Italy can maintain her armies by the short sea route across the Adriatic which is not an easy sea for the British Navy, but there are



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## LINDBERGH OUTBURST

### Weak Diplomacy Is Alleged

Newhaven, Oct. 31.  
Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, speaking under the auspices of Yale University's America First Committee, said that America's involvement in the war would be a disaster both here and abroad.

"It would be a disaster because it would confuse and aggravate our international problems, which are critical enough without war," he said. "It would be a disaster for Europe because I am convinced that the relationship of the European countries cannot be solved through American interference in their affairs. It would be a disaster for all of us because, from a purely material standpoint if from no other, we are not in a position to enter this war successfully."

"With adequate preparation we could probably wage a successful war in the Orient—provided Europe remained neutral or on our side. But, through blundering diplomacy, we have already forced Japan to turn to Germany for assistance just as France and England, through sanctions, forced Italy to turn to Germany and later threw Russia into the arms of the Axis."

"To move against the Orient safely we need an understanding with Europe, but that necessitates either the defeat of Germany by invasion of the continent or a change in our present policies."

He added that America should encourage policy in the Philippines and either fortify the islands adequately or get out of them entirely.—United Press.

## NO CRIME —OR ELSE

### By Order

A notice posted up in an allied Air Force camp in Britain reads:

"In future there will be no more crime in this camp. It entails altogether too much work for the officers."

Officers and men of the Allied Air Forces run their own camps under the supervision of R.A.F. commanding officers.

At one Allied camp the British commanding officer, a group captain, found it necessary to admonish an airman who has been absent without leave for some days. Through an interpreter he told the airman he would be court-martialed.

The airman fell on his face in a faint.

The interpreter explained to the astonished British officer that in his own country a court-martial usually resulted in the offender being shot within four hours.

The court-martial was put in hand. The airman's own commanding officer, who is a prince of a noble house, was asked to make the necessary arrangements for collecting evidence.

The prince replied: "If I say the man is guilty, then he is guilty."

The Royal Air Force law was explained to the prince. "He was supplied with a large number of official forms which had to be filled in and returned."

The prince had not finished the work two days later.

The R.A.F. group captain then made an inspection of the camp. He saw a new notice on the board. When it was interpreted to him he smiled.

## S.A. AIRMEN IN ACTION

NAIROBI, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—South African aircraft attacked a military camp at Lugherrandi in Italian Somaliland on October 29. Bombs were dropped among buildings in the target area, says a communiqué.

Other units of the South African Air Force carried out reconnaissance flights. All returned safely.

## Saved Baby—Gave Own Life

London, Sept. 11.  
Shipbreakers from the London docks have been working ceaselessly through the raids and lunch-hour breasting up the wreckage and searching for bodies in the debris of an East London school in which 500 homeless refugees from September 17's bombing had taken refuge, and which was struck by an aerial torpedo on the night of September 9.

On September 10 week cries from the living could still be heard. Three nurses from a neighbouring hospital spent all day giving morphine to survivors among the concrete slabs, ignoring the screams. Under the evening body of a dead man a year-old child fast asleep and uninjured was found. Obviously the father had fallen on it to protect it.

### OBITUARY

DEATH OF FORMER JARDINES SHIPMASTER  
Another link with the old China Coast has been broken with the death of Captain R.C.D. Bradley, who occurred at Home on October 28 at the ripe old age of 79.

He joined Jardines, Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd., in 1889 when he was appointed to the ship "Tai-Sang". His service in the Company included many ships whose names are now almost forgotten—Sin Maung, Kow-shing, Taku, Pechili, Yik-sang and Fook-sang.

A strict disciplinarian, he was nevertheless well liked and admired by all who served with him. He retired at the age of 57, in 1918, and since then has resided in the South of England.

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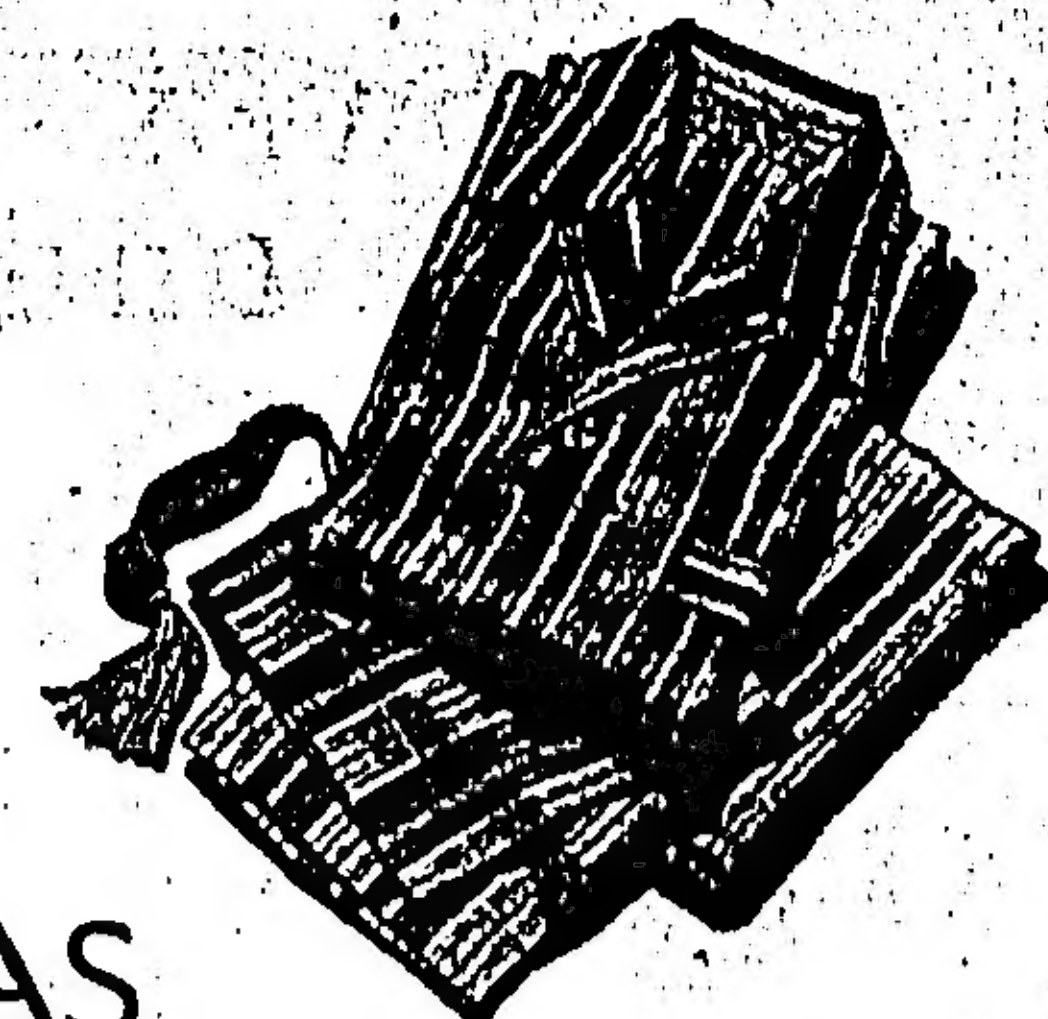
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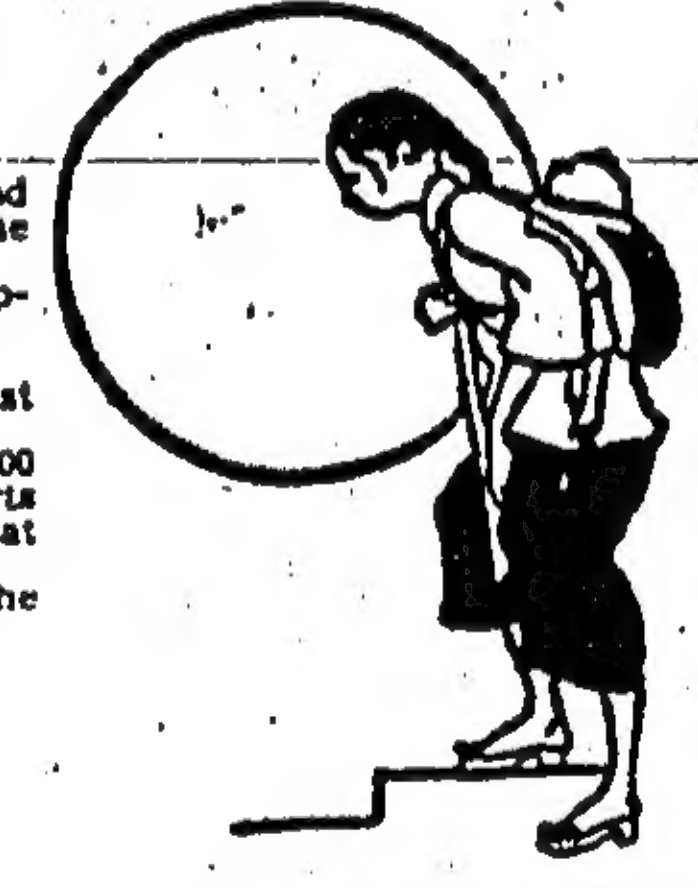
The Society now administers to over 3,000 children at eight Centres and, in addition, supports 28 children at various institutions and 60 babies at its Crèche.

Don. Treasurers (from whom a copy of the Annual Report for 1939 may be obtained):

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# "Captain Foster's" Racing Review

## LAST CLASSIC FOR AUSTRALIANS

### Fremantle St. Leger Attracts Only Nine Nominations

#### SAPPER'S PROSPECTS BRIGHT

THE LAST CLASSIC event for Australian subscription ponies of this season will be contested at Happy Valley to-morrow, but the Fremantle St. Leger has not been able to attract more than nine nominations. There are, in addition, seven handicap contests; the best of which is, of course, the Essex Handicap for "A" class China ponies over the mile.

Punters will no doubt be pleased to know that the Queensland Handicap is an endurance test for "C" class Australian raters over two miles. The latter should be a quite interesting race owing to the fact that the jaunt has been lengthened from a sprint to a distance run.

We are all aware that the St. Leger is the oldest of the English classics, having been inaugurated in Doncaster over one and a half centuries ago, and the great endurance contest for three-year-olds was suggested by and named after Lt-General Anthony St. Leger.

It will be observed that the originator of this classic was a "big soldier man" and it looks that Mrs. A. E. Grasett, wife of His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, has every prospect of becoming the first

lady owner to capture the Fremantle St. Leger. Her candidate, Sapper, has been well looked after by Mr. Lou Kelly, and the progeny of Farr is well keyed for the main bout.

Strongest opposition will be his sister, Far View, the winner of Rooley-Hill Derby, and the mare is well trimmed.

However, the first prize of the Fremantle St. Leger is worth \$1,000 to the winner and we can be rest assured to see a good fight.

WE are now having much cooler weather for racing! This was the view expressed at Happy Valley the other morning by a few big trainers who claimed that the prospects of their racers were much brighter than they were at the resumption.

Fast, like charity, covers a multitude of faults and the eagerness of trainers to get an animal fit too quickly has been the downfall of many a class pony.

Some owners, of course, prefer to go slow until the cool weather sets in, and in the circumstances we may look forward to see a few outsiders popping up to-morrow.

#### Fremantle St. Leger

### ANOTHER DUEL BETWEEN SAPPER AND FAR VIEW

SINCE THE INCEPTION of the Fremantle St. Leger in 1931, there have been only two uncertainties. Rosy Morn, the winner of 1933, paid \$114.50, while last year Baffin Bay by Copper Rivet delighted a few punters in the know with a handsome dividend of \$410.30 for a win.

A repetition of the latter will not be possible, for to-morrow there are only two ponies in the big classic and it is going to be a family affair between Far View and Sapper—both descendants of Farr.

A fresh write up of the successes

#### Dastardly Attempt To Cripple Race-Horse

MELBOURNE, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—An unsuccessful attempt was made to-day to cripple Beau Vite, the favourite for the Melbourne Cup, Australia's premier turf event. The attackers bored small holes into the horse's box and mistook Beau Vite's stablemate for the favourite. The horse was shot in the hind thigh and neck with an air gun.

#### Sussex Handicap

##### Second Section

### Good Sprint Over Six Furlongs

HILLSBORO BAY holds the post of honour in the last event, the Sussex Handicap (second section) for "B" class China ponies, and we should see a good sprint over six furlongs.

The last named scored a notable success in the Kwangtung Handicap and I expect her to earn another bracket.

All the three ponies mentioned have equal chances, but the most dangerous is Lancashire Lass with Mr. Black in the saddle. Strong opposition is sure to come from the low weights of which Peaceful View may upset the apple-cart.

#### K.C.C. Intra-Club Bowls

The Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its annual intra-club bowls match on Sunday when the over forties will meet the under forties. Play will start at 10 a.m.

## THE DAILY DOUBLE

#### Norfolk Handicap

##### Second Section

### Eve of Hunting Should Win Easily

THE SECOND LEG of the Daily Double should be interesting, for the second section of the Norfolk Handicap confined to "C" class China ponies will be ridden by novices and it is a mile event.

On the book Eve of Hunting should walk away with the race, and Emergency Unit looks good as a place-getter.

Being a novice event I am afraid that Galveston Bay and Rose Flinn have too much lead to carry, and this, of course, may hinder their chances.

Soldier of Britain has been kindly treated with only 142 lb. to shoulder and he is worth \$5 each way.

#### Norfolk Handicap

##### First Section

### Apprentices Should Be Encouraged

THE CURTAIN RAISER will be the Norfolk Handicap (first section) for "C" class China ponies and the event is to be ridden by novices over the mile course. There is no denying that the Stewards are encouraging the red-letter jockeys as much as possible by providing a race or two at every meeting, but I cannot help remarking that the owners are not playing the game. The latter should encourage the apprentices by permitting them to trot the ponies during the early mornings because it will certainly give them much confidence with better knowledge of their mounts.

The "eleventh hour booking" is not good enough for a greenhorn. However there are 14 ponies in the first section and Kentucky is among the number. I do not think the mare (she dropped a foal about three months ago) is strong enough to face the start, and I am leaving her out. Patricia has not done much racing but she ran a good third in the Carnarvon Stakes and the mare should be respected. Blue Gate after running a good third in the Kwangtung Handicap looks good, but the stallion is a "confirmed loser", and I doubt if Mr. K. W. Fung will be able to keep him up with the field.

Eve of Hunting with Mr. R. M. Wood up is the best bet, while Rose-Queen to be ridden by Mr. F. A. Sequiera is dangerous. Taxing Master is in fine fettle and I hope the jockey will be able to hold her. Musketeer, the puller, is definitely starting and here is another racer which requires a pair of powerful hands to keep him with the field.

#### Queenscliff H'cap

### Much Will Depend On The Start

THERE ARE 18 entries for the Queenscliff Handicap for "D" class Australian ponies over six furlongs, but it is not expected that all will line up. It is learned that Mr. Hearne will have another go at Catterick Bridge and if the combination gets away with the field, I cannot figure anything to beat Mr. Gregory's candidate.

Dick Turpin is another racer which

#### Essex Handicap

### Open Event For "A" Class China Ponies

BURFORD, the champion China pony at the Spring, has returned to the course for his daily exercise, but the stallion is not among the list of entries for the Essex Handicap confined to "A" class over the mile and the event is the first leg of the Daily Double.

He can be seen daily at his work with four bandages, and up to the time of writing the stallion has not been extended. It seems that the connections are trying their level best to have him fit for the Hongkong St. Leger, which is scheduled to be contested on November 16, and should he fail to weigh out, Burford will be ineligible for the Hongkong Autumn Champions.

#### VERY OPEN

HOWEVER, Eve of Harvest has also not been nominated for this mile run as the connections are reserving the mare for the Hongkong Autumn Champions, and the absence of these two China steeds makes the Essex Handicap very open.

I think Distinctive Time, the winner of the Double Tenth Plate, is nicely weighted and so is Dupont Bay, who annexed the Hongkong Griffins Cup. Confusion Bay is set to receive 2 lb. from Clembur, the winner of St. George's Plate, but we cannot put much confidence in Mr. Bradbury's candidate due to the fact that the chestnut was on the walking list for a long time. Though he is looking extremely well, I think Clembur is short of a gallop.

Craigavon was under a cloud after running third in the October Handicap and that was the reason for his non-appearance in the Double Tenth Plate. Mrs. Taggart's racer is now perfectly sound and I like him.

#### Queensland H'cap

### AUSTRALIANS' ENDURANCE TEST OVER TWO MILES

THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP for Australian ponies has undergone many changes since the introduction of this contest in 1931. For the first two years it was for ponies that had not won more than \$1,000 over six furlongs, but in 1934, ponies winning more than \$5,000 were barred. From 1935 to 1938 it was reserved for "A" class ponies over a short distance, but last year we saw the "C" class raters in the arena running from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 160 yards).

To-morrow the trip is an endurance test over two miles and Piccadilly Jim is at the top of the assessment with 157 lb. with a new racing colours to wear. Whether he will carry the silk to victory is another matter, but he certainly has a pull in the weights with Cheerful Star.

When they met in the Ballarat Handicap at the last meeting, Cheerful Star (the winner) was in receipt of eight pounds from Piccadilly Jim, whereas, to-morrow, the latter has to concede only two pounds for a beating of two lengths.

Cheerful Star by George Graves has not had more than four public appearances, but her success over the champion course seemed to be that of a stayer and the mare is my favourite. Centre Court by Double Court outdressed every critic when she romped home first in the Bondi Handicap over the Derby course at the Whitsun Meet, and the mare has the same weight to shoulder to-morrow. Centre Court is getting no younger and she will have to be at her best to turn the tables on Cheerful Star and Piccadilly Jim.

plays the goat at the gate, and one's money is safer in the pocket. Stratherrick and Surprise Again are new members of the "D" company, and I prefer the latter. Quick Despatch will be ridden by Mr. Froude who is too well known as the star short distance jockey, and it is certainly a good bet to follow.

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## CRAIGENGOWER C. C. ANNUAL MEETING

L. E. Lammert And R. Pestonji  
Elected Life Members

LIFE MEMBERSHIP was awarded two of the oldest members of the Craigengower Cricket Club at the Annual General Meeting yesterday, when the honour conferred on Mr. L. E. Lammert and Mr. R. Pestonji received the unanimous support of the meeting.

Mr. C. S. Rossetti took the Chair in the absence of Mr. B. W. Bradbury and was supported by Messrs. A. B. Hamson, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, H. W. Randall, L. C. R. Souza, W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, Dr. C. W. Lam, A. E. Contes (Hon. Treasurer) and E. Zimmern (Hon. Secretary).

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said the general financial position of the Club could be regarded as very sound. The profit was well maintained and expenditure cut down in all directions. In the sports section it has been a highly important season.

#### JOINED IN 1894

THE MEETING unanimously approved that Messrs. L. E. Lammert and R. Pestonji be elected life members. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Lammert recalled that he joined the Club on its inception in 1894 and had thus beaten Mr. Pestonji by one year.

An increase in the monthly subscription by \$1, making it \$3, was brought up at the extraordinary meeting which followed the annual meeting. This motion was defeated in April. After an appeal by the Chairman, the meeting approved the increase.

#### OFFICE BEARERS

The following office-bearers were appointed: President, Mr. B. W. Bradbury; Vice-President, Mr. C. S. Rossetti; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Zimmern; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Randall; Committee, Messrs. L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Contes,

#### Cricket Comments To Be Resumed

Regular cricket articles by "R. Abbit" will be resumed as from Tuesday next. A request is made to Secretaries of Cricket Clubs that they be good enough to supply copies of their fixture cards to c/o the "Hongkong Telegraph".

#### Club Rugby XV

The following will represent Club "A" at Rugby against Army "A" on the Police ground to-morrow afternoon at 3.15 p.m.: H. F. Hopkins; H. Van Leeuwen, D. Hynes, P. B. Wilson and E. Jones; F. O. Morgan and F. J. D. Clem; C. M. Stark, E. W. Stout, S. Lee; L. A. Benn, J. Moodie; A. L. Thomas, G. B. Godfrey, and A. G. Daidel.

W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, L. E. Lammert, W. O. Noddes, J. Leonard, Dr. V. N. Aitken. Convenors—Bowls: Mr. L. C. R. Souza; Tennis: Mr. J. W. Leonard; Bar: Mr. W. O. Noddes; House Committee, Mr. W. K. Way; Social Committee, Mr. A. E. Contes. Cricket—Captain 1st XI, E. Zimmern; Vice-Captain, G. Souza; Captain 2nd XI, A. M. Omar; Vice-Captain, B. H. Isaac.

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##### First Section

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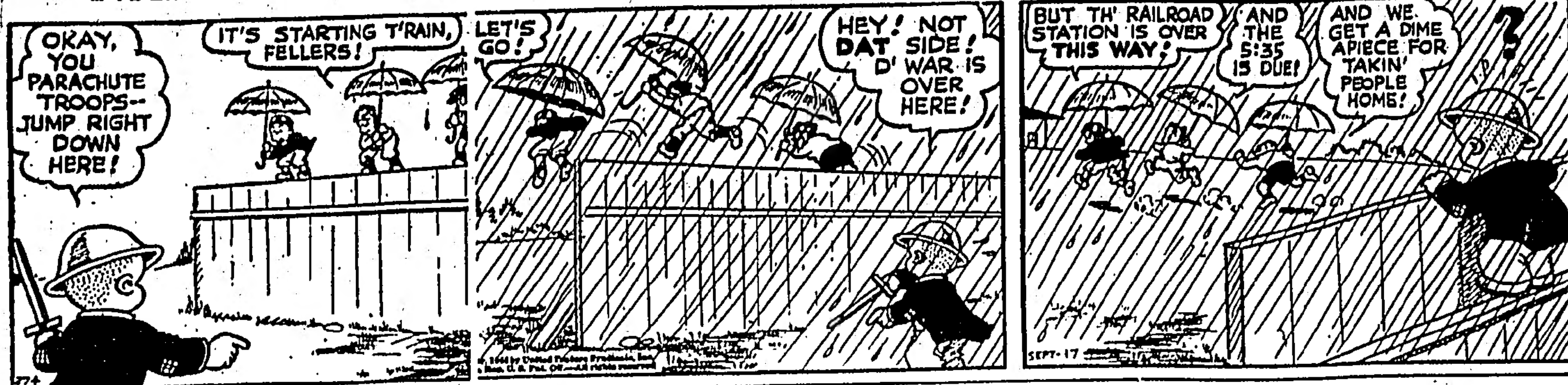
THE SUSSEX HANDICAP (first section) for "B" class China ponies should provide a good finish because there are a good few speedy merchants, and the adjustment of the avoidances does not leave any loop-hole.

The race is over six furlongs and anything may happen. The most dangerous three are Blue Diamond, Conquering Time and Hopeful Star. Bonson is a good outsider.



# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## MEN HOLD UP BUS

### Audacious Robbery In Kowloon

Two men held up a bus near the 10 1/2-mile stone, Castle Peak Road, about 6.30 p.m. yesterday and robbed the conductor of fares amounting to \$30.

The bus was bound for Un Long, and when near the 10 1/2-mile stone, the men who were on the roadside, waved their hands indicating they wished to travel on it.

The vehicle was stopped but as soon as they got on board, the men produced revolvers. One of them stood at the entrance and the other scurried to the money-bag, which contained over \$30. The bag was handed over, after which one of them rang the bell for the driver to stop. This was done, and the robbers left the bus and escaped in the direction of Un Long.

There were about 10 passengers on the bus but none of them was robbed. So quickly was the robbery carried out that it lasted only 100 yards from where the men came on board.



BRITISH CALM—Youngster is symbolic of British calm after Nazi bombers have reduced his home to shambles. He's making the best of it.

## Government Facilities For Haj

### Pilgrimage Costs Little More

The Hongkong Government issued the following announcement regarding the Haj pilgrimage:

In spite of war time difficulties arrangements have been made to transport pilgrims from India to perform the Haj pilgrimage and necessary shipping is being provided. Realizing that the fare for sea journeys is based on actual cost would in the present circumstances be prohibitive for poorer pilgrims, His Majesty's Government and the Government of India have agreed to meet certain items of expenditure attributable to war conditions, such as cost of war risk insurance on pilgrim ships (the principal factor tending to increase fares) and expenditure on account of any abnormal detention due to the measure designed for the protection of these ships from dangers of enemy action.

The effect will be that in spite of the heavy increase in operating the cost under war conditions, this subsidy will make possible keeping pilgrims' fares close to the former level:—e.g. a return deck passage Bombay-Jedda will cost only Rupees 105 as compared with Rupees 175 in 1938 and 1939.

Sailings have been arranged from Bombay, Karachi and Calcutta, and pilgrim ships will be conveyed in the danger zone and such other measures taken as may be necessary to afford pilgrims the fullest possible protection.

Similar arrangements are in contemplation to assist pilgrims from certain other territories, e.g. Palestine, Aden, East Africa and Malaya.

### Pilgrims Said Stranded

Tokyo, Oct. 31. Japanese authorities are studying the appeal for aid sent by the leaders of 4,000 Mohammedan natives from the Netherlands East Indies who sailed late last year for the pilgrimage to Mecca, now stranded in Saudi Arabia and facing starvation due to inability to obtain transportation, the Nishinichi Shimbun reported.

Eight hundred out of 4,000 pilgrims have died of illness, according to the Nishinichi. The survivors have appealed to Japan and the United States to send an evacuation ship.—Domei.

### TALK BY AMERICAN

An address will be given to the European Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group on Sunday, November 3, at 9 p.m., on the subject:—"United States and the Far East." The speaker will be Mr. Chester S. Holcombe, an American journalist.



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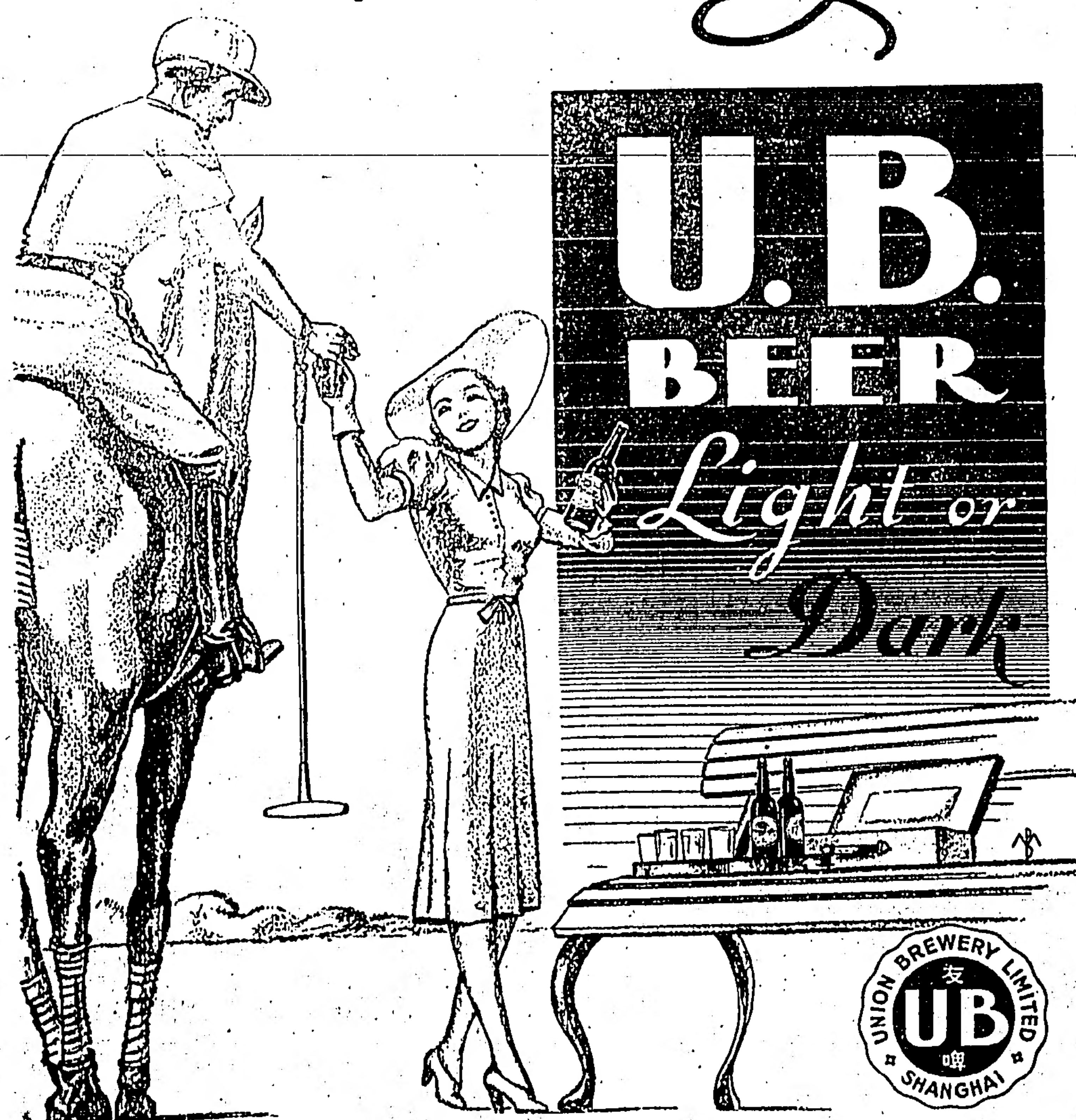
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The high wind, generated for test purposes, is churned up by a new cross-wind machine that throws a 50-mile blast at the side of passing cars. This baby tornado comes from a 750-horsepower Hispano-Suiza airplane engine turning a 14-foot four-blade propeller. The engine, by the way, has six carburetors and eats up 54 gallons of gasoline an hour when operating at top speed.

Effects of this terrific cross-wind, such as body sway and roll, are checked by observers as the test car rolls along a straight line on the paved track. Two distinct car motions are studied. One—the horizontal movement—simulates sudden turns on curves or in passing another car, and quick changes of steering caused by unforeseen obstacles. The second motion is the sway set up by a strong cross-wind.

The new wind machine is playing a major role in the building of safer automobiles, according to members of the Ford experimental engineering department.

"We have installed the cross-wind generator to augment Ford engineering facilities for insuring still safer car operation," an engineer said. "Because of the speed factor, to-day's automobile must be prepared to withstand all the punishing forms of side shock our new device creates."

The Ford wind machine can be rotated on its base, enabling test engineers to throw a blast at a passing automobile from any angle. Test cars are driven through the wind under natural conditions—some fast, under slow; some with the windows open, others with the windows closed. The most effective test data, it was said, are obtained when cars catch the blast while travelling at top speed. The effects of the blast are more pronounced.

A torsion bar ride stabilizer functioning between the front wheels of the Ford, Mercury and Lincoln Zephyr motor cars, he pointed out, absorbs most of these shocks. A jolt on one side of the car, caused by high wind, by sudden changes of steering, or by bumpy roadway, is "leveled off" by the torsion bar which exerts a contracting force from the opposite side.

### LATE NEWS

### Italians Advance Five Miles

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offering stiff resistance, especially with their artillery.

It has rained continuously for 48 hours in the fighting zones which have been transformed into a vast swamp-land with bleak mountains for a background.

Responsible circles in Rome deny reports that the Italians have taken Janina, but an Italian communiqué states that the Italians continued to advance on Epirus and have reached the Kalamas River at several points.

The port of Patras was bombed from the air and Greek ships loaded with troops were hit, claims the communiqué.

Bombs were also dropped on the bases at Lepanto, the encampments at Metsovo Pass and the defence works in the Kalmas Valley, says the Rome communiqué.

Athens reports that the rumour that Russian planes have arrived at Salonika has been denied.

#### Athens Precautions

The police authorities in Athens have forbidden foreigners to remain in the streets between 5 p.m. and daybreak, without a special police pass.

The streets were cleared in record time late yesterday (Thursday) when an air alarm was sounded.

A few of the sufficiently curious people of the city as on the first day of the war, they saw a lone reconnaissance plane fly over the city and the Tuto, aerodrome, but no bombs were dropped. The machine then disappeared into the misty horizon.

One person was killed in the third raid on Patras yesterday morning.

#### Lepanto Bombed

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Lepanto, in the Gulf of Corinth, Agionon and Egina were bombed by Italian aircraft yesterday. The raid on the latter place led to an afternoon alarm in Athens.

Minor damage was done to all three places.

A 9 o'clock curfew for all foreigners is imposed at Athens and this is believed to be connected with the Police comb-out of British subjects, as allies will receive permits permitting freedom of movement shortly.

The Italians are using a large number of mobile field guns in which they are greatly superior to the Greeks.

#### Three Lines Possible

The mountainous nature of the country on the Greek-Albanian frontier dictates only three practical lines of advance for the Italian forces.

In the north-east the gap in the high ridges which affords an approach to Florina on the road to Salonika is exceptionally well-guarded by the Greeks. The Italians had concentrated heavily at Kioleia in Albania for a drive against Florina, but hitherto they have failed to make any significant progress.

Another gap found in the centre front leads only into difficult country where few, if any, strategic advantages are to be won by an attacking force.

Near the coast is a third line between the mountains and the sea. The Greek port of Patras, where more than 100 people were killed on Monday, has again been heavily attacked from the air.

### U.S. Planes To Speed British Victory

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including both fighters and bombers, followed.

Nobody can say when the output of 1,200 planes a month can be reached since there are two serious bottlenecks in American industry, namely, in production of machine tools and aero-engines, but informed American sources express the view that resort may again be made to the system of releasing to Britain planes ordered for the American air forces.

#### Third Plan

The new plan will be the fourth warplane building programme in the United States.

The others are (1) 35,000 planes for the United States army, already mostly contracted; (2) the original British programme for 14,000 planes; (3) the new British order for 12,000 planes.

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#### Air Raid Damage

A communiqué issued by the Ministry of Public Safety states that in two raids yesterday damage was caused by eight planes to a number of houses, but only one person was injured.

It is reported that 110 bodies have been recovered following Monday's bombing. The victims include priests, police, officials, 30 women and 45 children.

More than 200 bombs are said to have been dropped on Patras, destroying a large number of buildings, none of which could be described as military objectives.

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The greatest depth of Italian advance at any point is only six miles, according to authoritative sources here.

It is stated that Italian artillery are pounding Greu and advanced posts but nowhere has contact been made with the main lines of the Greek defence.

#### Italian Shot Down

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Reconnaissance flights over Greek and Italian coastal waters were made by the R.A.F. on Wednesday, and during one flight an Italian plane was encountered and shot down in flames.

#### Steamer Captured

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The Greek steamer, Attica, 1,400 tons, has been captured by the Italians, states the German radio.

The steamer was en route from America to Greece with a mixed cargo of oil, copper, tyres and glycerine.

#### Greek Lines Unbroken

SALONIKA, Oct. 31 (Domet).—The Greek lines in the Macedonian sector of the Albanian front remain unbroken, according to the latest field dispatches. Until now there has been no air attack on Salonika which has been backed out for the past three nights with anti-aircraft guns in a state of readiness.

Usual bright waterfront cafes shuttered their windows to burn dim blue lights. Air raid shelters are being hastily dug in the main square of the city.

Italian residents numbering 500 have been arrested but Germans are still at large. Everything on wheels has been requisitioned. Even bicycles are affected and only trams are more than 100 people were killed on Monday.

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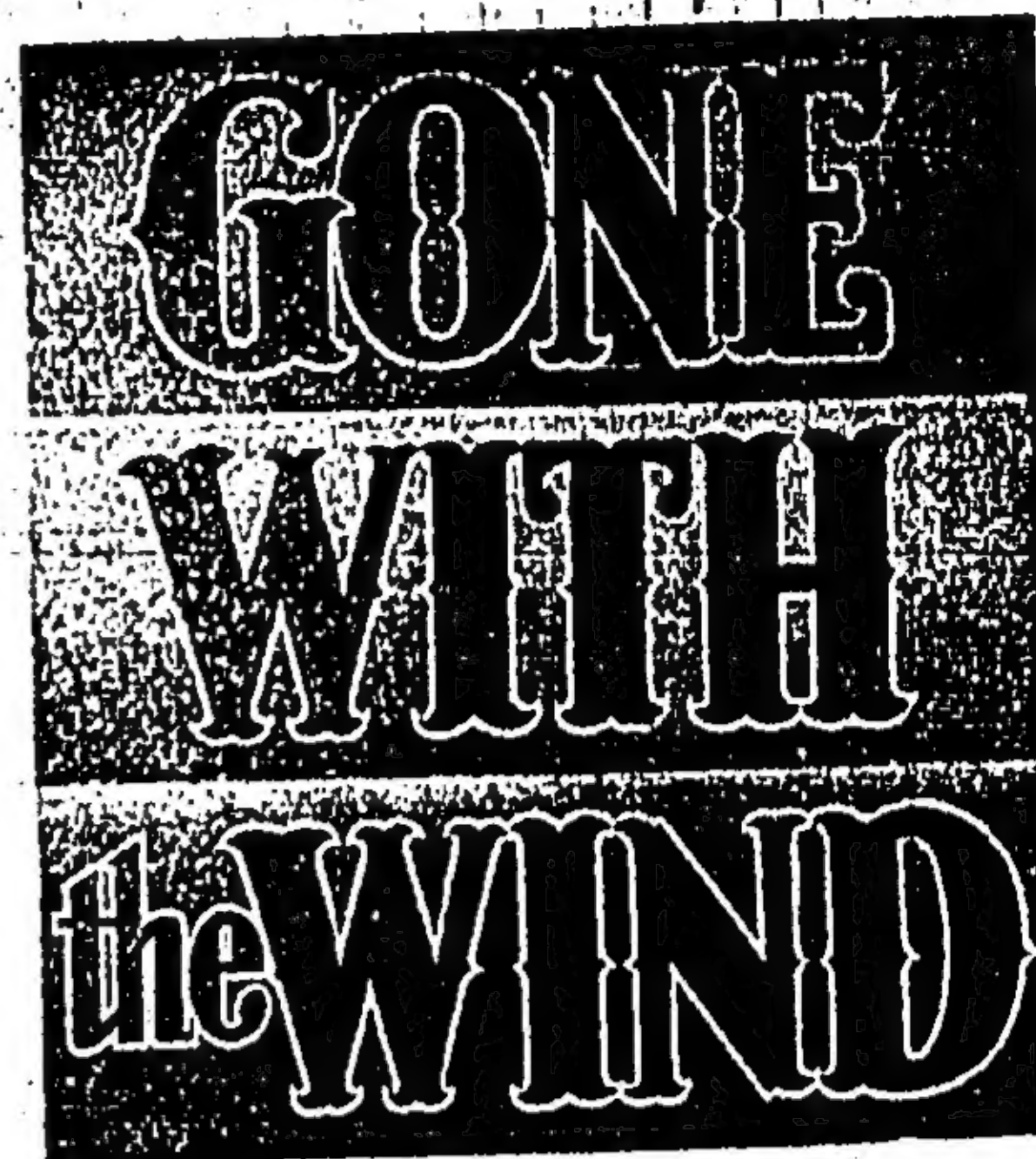


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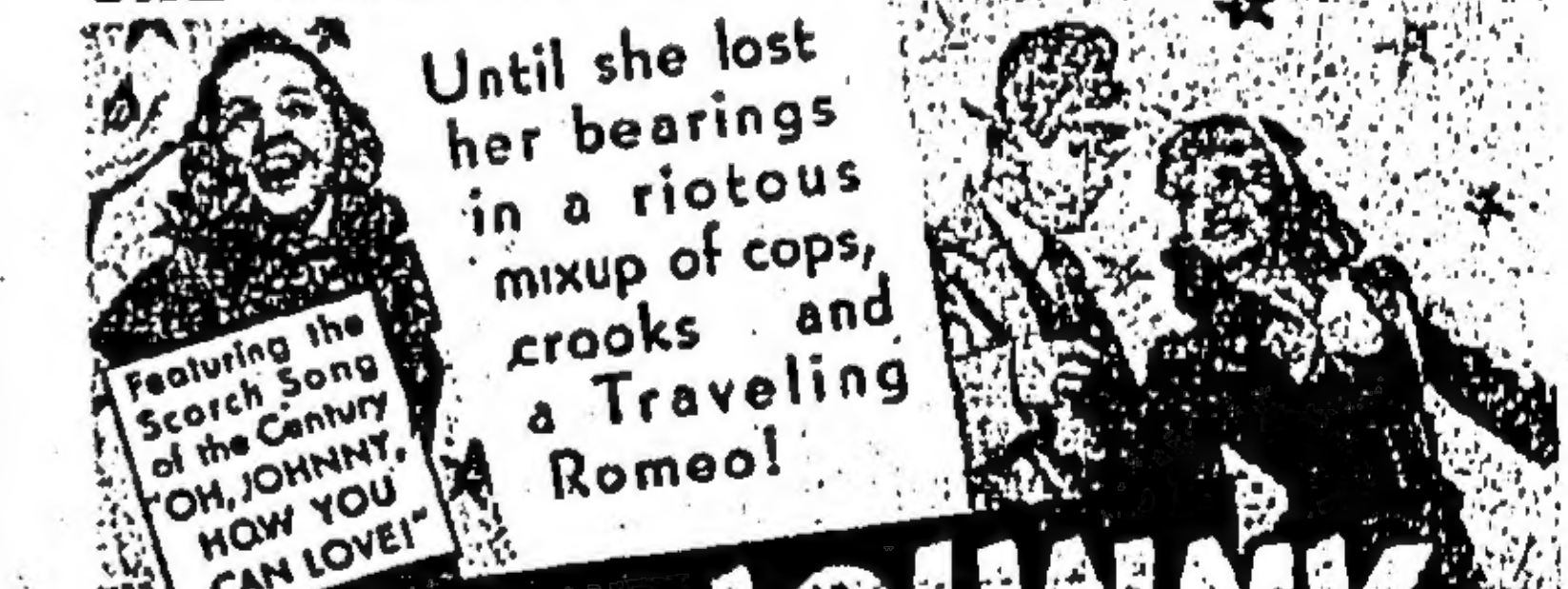
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## ITALIANS ADVANCE FIVE MILES: FORCES CONVERGE ON JANINA

### Stubborn Resistance By Greeks Is Admitted; Italy And An Armistice

By REYNOLDS PACKARD  
United Press Staff Correspondent.

ROME, OCT. 31. (UP).—ITALIAN FORCES ARE CONVERGING IN A PINCHER MOVEMENT TO-NIGHT UPON THE TOWN OF JANINA, THE FIRST IMPORTANT TOWN BEYOND THE GREEK-ALBANIAN FRONTIER, ACCORDING TO DISPATCHES FROM ARGYROCASTRE.

### GREEK BOMBERS IN ACTION

Harass Italian Forces.

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (UP).—Italian planes bombed Patras again to-day and also Nafpaktos on the north shore of the Gulf of Corinth where they killed a woman and eight men, and destroyed a schoolhouse.

Meanwhile informed military quarters believe that Janina is the chief objective of the Italians but they deny the Italian claims to a big push in the Florina sector, which they say is "still comparatively quiet."

To-day, for the first time, Greek light bombers were reported in action, hammering Italian columns and supply points behind the lines beyond Metaxas. They have also been bombing Italian columns along the coast road endeavouring to hamper the Italians in attaining their objective of Geometiza on the Ionian Sea, the terminus of the road leading up the Kalmas Valley to Janina.

### British Pilots Batter Sea Ports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 31 (UP).—To-day's Air Ministry communique says that yesterday, bombs were dropped on Cherbourg harbour, and last night on the docks at Hamburg, Flushing and the naval base at Emden.

#### Raids On Ostend

The Air Ministry also announced: "A small force of coastal command Blenheim planes last night struck at targets in Ostend Harbour."

"Our bombers scored direct hits freely on the quays and shipping berths. The crews could see debris thrown high in the air."

#### Incendiaries Do Damage

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Many tons of high explosive bombs and hundreds of incendiaries were dropped last night on the German-occupied ports of Flushing, Antwerp and Emden, states the Air Ministry news service.

The attack on Flushing began early in the evening and lasted just over an hour. Several "sticks" of bombs were dropped on Walcheren Canal and the inner and outer harbours, and the inner and outer harbours, and though cold and haze made it difficult to see the full results of the bombing, one huge fire started between two docks was visible from 55 miles away.

At Antwerp, explosions and fires were reported in the harbour area. At Emden, bursts were observed on a quay and in the harbour; one very bright fire was started while other fires were seen to spread rapidly.

One aircraft attacked a nearby railway junction, where a large fire occurred.

#### British Raided

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Isolated enemy aircraft made a number of attacks on various parts of the country since mid-day, states an Air Ministry communique.

Bombs were dropped in two towns in the eastern counties and at points in South Wales and the Midlands, according to reports received.

There was a small number of casualties but the resultant damage was slight.

One column composed of Alpini Bersaglieri and also Albanian regiments is circling southward towards Janina from the frontier town of Perta. The second column is heading direct for Janina from the region of the Albanian town of Kenispoli.

The Perta column is reported to have pushed within ten miles of Janina and the Kenispoli column within five miles—at least one of them is expected to enter the objective before noon to-morrow. Another column is fighting forward towards Phorina in northern Greece aided by aeroplanes strafing mountain artillery.

#### WOULD DEMAND ABDICATION OF KING

Italian quarters have declined to discuss the reported armistice between Italy and Greece, declaring that the Italian occupation will continue whether or not it is resisted. It is emphasised among most quarters here that the Italians would only consider overtures envisaging the abdication of the present King of Greece and the capitulation of General Metaxas and his followers.

Reports from Ohrid state that the Italians at dawn to-day occupied the small Greek village of Kastanani several metres to the south of Kenispoli and that they also attacked the Greek town of Melisopetra on the main road to Janina where they were repulsed by the Greeks.

#### Bad Weather

Bad weather along the whole battle line is reported to have hampered operations through the night. At dawn heavy cannonading was audible on the Yugo-Slavian border from the direction of the Albanian village of Bilista near Prespa.

It was reported that at about 6 a.m. Italian troops from the Albanian town of Mesarie criss-crossed the frontier and followed the main road to Janina. They attacked a bridge across the River Vrysa but were halted by Greek artillery and repulsed after an hour's fighting. Seventeen Italians were killed and forty wounded, while four Greeks were seriously wounded. The main concentration of Italian troops on the Greek frontier are said to be at Mesarie, according to the reports from Ohrid.

#### Five-Mile Advance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—The Italians are reported to have advanced five miles along the Delvino-Janina road despite strong Greek resistance, says a "United Press" message from Ohrid. The Rome newspapers assert that the Italian advance is proceeding steadily, although they confess the Greeks are TURN to Back Page, Column 4

### OFFERS TO AID GREEKS

Soviet Planes Denial

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Offers of aid from wealthy Greeks are pouring into Government offices.

One woman ship-owner has written to General Metaxas placing three vessels at the disposal of the nation.

A Greek family living in London has cabled £5,000 as a contribution to the air force.

Many public and private bodies in Greece have remitted large sums for the same purpose. Stories of brilliant feats of arms by Greek soldiers are beginning to reach Athens.

An entire division of Italian Alpine troops are reported to have been held up for many hours in the mountains by only three Greek companies. Elsewhere a Greek platoon, making clever use of the ground, routed two Italian companies.

#### 100 Warplanes Story

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—A report that over 100 warplanes have been supplied by the Soviet to Greece in the last few days is emphatically denied by the official Soviet agency, according to the Moscow radio.

### POLISH-CZECH CO-OPERATION

Fear Of Massacre For Sabotage

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Close co-operation and collaboration between the Polish and Czech-Slovak people "who were in the same arena fighting for God against the devil" was urged by Mr. Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Minister in London in a speech to the New Europe Circle in London to-day.

Mr. Masaryk said: "We are not doing any sabotage for the simple reason that we would be massacred, but the wheels in Skok do not revolve quite as quickly as they did two years ago, and things do not come out as beautifully finished as they did."

Mr. Masaryk added that they were fighting Laval just as much as Hitler, and that it was a terrible idea that the soul of France was going to be chained to Hitler's apple-cart.

### R.A.F. DID THIS IN GERMANY



Proving that the Air Ministry's claims regarding R. A. F. attacks on German cities are not wild imaginings, this picture taken by an American agency, shows Nazi firemen trying to fight the flames in a huge timber yard set ablaze by British incendiary bombs in a recent raid on a north German town.

### ICHANG TO BE EVACUATED?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Oct. 31 (UP).—Banking circles have reported that large fires are raging in Ichang, indicating a possible Japanese evacuation.

The Chinese military spokesman, however, said that he had no information on the subject at the present.

### 28 Missing From Sunk French Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Admiralty has listed 28 missing and 16 rescued from the commandeered French steamer St. Malo which was sunk by enemy action last Saturday on the high seas.

#### Berlin Claim

BERLIN, Oct. 31 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the British merchant vessel Starstone, 5,700 tons has been sunk west of Ireland by heavy calibre bombs.

#### Nehru Arrested

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian leader, one of the two men chosen by Mahatma Gandhi to make anti-war speeches in India, was arrested at Allahabad to-night, according to the Delhi radio.

### U.S. Planes To Speed British Victory

Producers' Great Efforts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The United States War Department is reported to have planned the production of 12,000 additional bombers, largely with the help of the motor car industry.

This programme, estimated to cost \$2,000,000,000, is stated by independent sources to cover the 12,000 planes asked for by Britain.

It is believed that the War Department proposes the erection of two large factories to assemble the parts manufactured in motor car factories. Whether these will be operated by the Government or by the aircraft or motor car industry is not yet decided.

#### 1,300 Planes A Month

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The United States is at present sending Britain between 250 and 300 planes a month, it is estimated, and with every effort being made to speed up production, this figure should be steadily increased.

President Roosevelt's allusion in his speech at Boston last night to Britain's request for additional planes refers to the scheme broached by British purchasing officials to the Treasury some weeks ago when they enquired if it would be possible for the United States to produce 3,000 planes a month for Britain.

#### Two Bottlenecks

Investigations have shown that this is hardly feasible and that it would require the establishment of nearly 40 new factories. Estimates were given for the production of about 1,300 planes a month, and a new British order for 12,000 planes, TURN to Back Page, Column 5

### Black Sea Interests At Stake

No Soviet Promise To Turks

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Reports that the Soviet Union has promised to assist Turkey in the event of a German attack on the Dardanelles are ridiculed here.

The Turkish view apparently is that if the Soviet Union had felt strong enough to challenge Germany she would have prevented her establishing herself on the Black Sea coast.

According to reports reaching Ankara from Moscow, Soviet officials are already hinting that the Straits are of no great interest to the Soviet Union anyway.

### LATEST

### Willkie's Boast Of War Aid For Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 31 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, asserted this evening that he could gear up production in the United States for aeroplanes and other munitions to aid Britain, much better than could Mr. Roosevelt.

He addressed 10,000 people in the centre of the city. Referring Mr. Roosevelt's speech at Boston last night, Mr. Willkie said: "If I am elected President, our production of planes will be so geared up that a request for 12,000 planes by Britain would not even be news because it would be so insignificant."

#### Willkie's Accusation

BALTIMORE, Maryland, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—An allegation that President Roosevelt has been trying to "appease" the totalitarian Powers was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie in his campaign speech here to-day.

Mr. Willkie promised to work for the "maintenance of peace" in the Western Hemisphere but said that he would not stand for a policy of appeasement. He contended that the Roosevelt administration had been "helping those very nations which the third term candidate says should be quarantined," citing the recent release of a shipment of machine tools to Russia, the "ally of Germany."

Mr. Willkie added: "This is no way to protect ourselves. As President I will not help to mechanise the Red Army, so that it can carry out its purposes. We shall feel well content to mechanise the army of the United States."

Mr. Willkie said appeasement was the surest way to war.

### Police Serve Notices On H.K. Evacuees

As a follow-up to recent notification that an evacuee steamer would leave in the second week of November, on which fifty berths had been reserved and which it is understood is bound for Australia, the Police Authorities have served orders on the women affected, notifying them that they must leave the Colony in the near future.

A European Police officer went round yesterday evening with the notices, and served them personally. The notices in each case contain a reminder that failure to comply with the order will entail a penalty, which it is pointed out can be a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment.

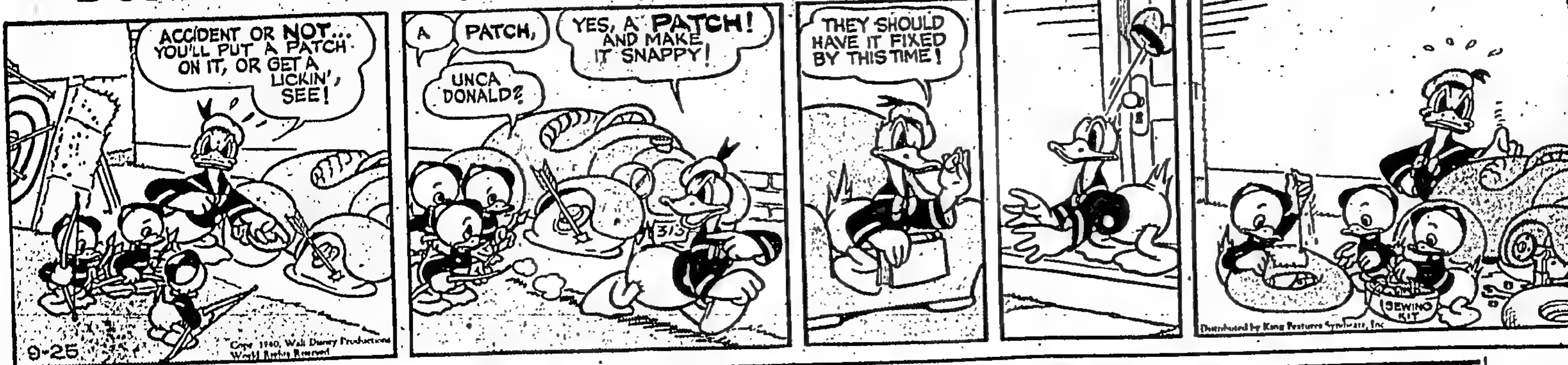
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## AIRMEN ACT AS TARGETS

By JOHN CASHEL

SIXPENCE a day to be bombed! Don't laugh. That really happens.

I have just been talking to Three Men in a Yellow Boat who offer themselves as human targets though, their lives being precious, a substantial slab of protective armour is placed between them and the rain of high explosive.

They are one of many tries of brave men of Britain's Royal Air Force who speed over the coastal ranges round our shores in armoured target motor-boats so that our bombers can learn and perfect their aim by practising the real thing.

The airmen drop live explosives weighing about eleven pounds each, large enough when they find their elusive mark to dent the three and a half tons of armour protecting the little target-boat and to give the three men inside it an unpleasant shake-up.

They wear crash-helmets and ear-protectors, and the armour covers the wheel-house, engine-room and hull of their craft. The rest is packed with a buoyant material to prevent it from being sunk by a good hit.

THE boat is painted yellow—the R.A.F.'s colour to distinguish training aircraft and this colouring also helps to show up the tiny target boats to the bombers as they will have nothing so small to attack in the shape of enemy objectives.

The target boats flash along at 20 knots, turning, zig-zagging, dodging the practice bombers. A hit sometimes capsizes them. The three men, good swimmers and specially trained for the job, dive clear, right their boat if it does not automatically right itself, clamber in again, ready for the next fall of bombs.

Nothing extraordinary for them. Just routine heroics!

THEIR captain is a corporal earning 7s. 9d. a day. The other two are leading aircraftmen, pay 5s. 3d., or possibly one is an aircraftman, pay 4s. 6d.

Each receives an extra sixpence a day when at sea. Another sixpence beyond that when they are bombed, proud to be chosen for the privilege of earning that last sixpence. They are one section of the little-known sea-arm of the flying men, the R.A.F.'s Own Navy, operated by Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill's Coastal Command.

Day and night, at the Command's sea stations around Britain's 4,000 miles of coastline, the Airmen's Fleet never stops working.

Come to a typical station. Besides the target boats you see the better-known high-speed launches. With a crew of ten under a master mariner, they race out at 40 knots, rescuing Nazi airmen shot or forced down at sea, and—although this need is less often—our own sea-wrecked airmen.

They are assisted by their smaller sisters, the 13-knot pinnaces, with a crew of five. These are the Fleet's maids-of-all-work.

Look at that one. It is laying a flare-path so that a flying-boat can see to take off and another to come down. A second pinnace dashes across the harbour carrying stores of water. A third is off to recover torpedoes used by aircraft at practice over the bombing range.

THERE'S another different craft—a seaplane-tender or crashboat. It's speeding towards a plane that has been forced down at practice. Always during practice a crash-boat is standing by ready to give aid in emergency.

And what's that? A flying-boat refueller moving off to the anchorage of half a dozen flying-boats.

They're just back from patrol, the Eyes Over the Sea, after keeping ceaseless vigil on all Hitler is doing at the occupied ports from Norway's Bergen to France's Bordeaux, on whatever Nazi ship puts its nose into the North Sea or the Channel, on enemy planes that set out to reconnoitre or raid Britain.

The flying-boat patrols are our first line of defence. They must be refuelled immediately they come back, ready for instant action again. The re-

fueller is quickly at their side, doing the job.

Something else is there, too. A flat-bottomed steel shell, known as a bomb-scow. The flying-boat, if the hunting has been good, needs a fresh load of bombs as well as petrol.

They want the bombs, the bomb-scow has them. They are soon hoist aboard. No waiting. The flying-boat is not allowed for one moment to sit "empty."

Sometimes the bombers practise far out at sea. When they do that the R.A.F. has steam-driven trawler and drifter auxiliaries to retrieve any torpedoes used.

EVEN these auxiliaries do not exhaust the variety of this diverse Fleet. There are the mooring boats, with an immense task to fulfil. All round the coasts are the mooring sites for flying-boats.

Day and night they must be kept in perfect order. Round and round, doing the job, go the mooring boats, supplementing the work of the land mooring staffs.

Fast dinghies provide communication between shore and aircraft at every sea station of Coastal Command, which ever has its own floating dock.

Broadly speaking, every high-speed launch that puts to sea on its mission of mercy, every major movement of this motley fleet, is like all coastal flying operations, directed over the wireless and other inter-communication lines from the G.H.Q.'s Ops. Room, the Brain-Box of C.C.

And the brain inside the box—Bowhill—does he see much? "Why he lives there!"

## Pupils Missing After Bombs Fell On School

Several boys were missing when the roll was called after bombs had damaged a school in a town on the south-west coast of England. The body of one boy was recovered. A few others were injured and are in hospital.

Two nurses were seriously hurt when a Midlands sanatorium was hit, but the 330 patients had been taken to shelter and were untouched.

A bomb which seriously damaged the nurses' home inflicted the two casualties. An annex to a ward in the main building, which the patients had just left, was also damaged.

An enemy bomber crossing the south-east coast saw a grounded plane.

Thinking it was on an emergency mission, the German released some heavy bombs, all of which fell wide of the mark.

The plane on the ground was a Messerschmitt 110 which had been shot down by a Spitfire hours before. The pilot had been badly wounded, but the second occupant was unharmed.

## FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Call up the broadcasting company and tell that woman her slip's showing!"

## MANILA'S HUMAN MOSQUITO TRAP

To help solve the unemployment problem and also study the habits of mosquitoes, Manila City Sanitary Engineer E. L. Ejercito has invented a "human mosquito-trap," reports United Press.

## Girls Kept At It Near Time Bomb

Stories of "Keep at it" heroines he had met in bombed areas of the Midlands were told by Mr. Herbert Morrison.

The Minister of Supply returned to London from a tour of his Department's factories. An unexploded bomb (related the Minister) was 50 yards from the office of an arms factory. Four girls—Miss Batchelor, Joan Blackwell, Joan Burns and Gertrude Sanders—had an important job to do in that office.

## Went On Working

Despite the danger they went on working, cheerfully and without fuss, for three days until the bomb, the area round which had been sandbagged, was made harmless.

Morrison talked to these four girls and congratulated them on their fine devotion to duty. "You were grand," he said.

He also told how a number of heavy "delayed action" bombs were dropped near another factory, missed their objective, and fell in a store.

Because it was not certain whether all the bombs had exploded, the whole of the adjoining general office building was evacuated, with the exception of the telephone exchange.

## Aware Of Risk

If the telephone service had been shut down production would have been seriously interfered with. So a call was made for girls to volunteer to operate a skeleton service.

Six out of the eight girls then on duty—Misses E. M. Legge, D. Ager, W. Bibby, D. Russell, J. M. Arrow-smith and B. J. Wyatt—asked to be allowed to stay at their switchboards, though fully aware of the risk.

Finally selection had to be made by seniority; and four senior girls stayed at their posts in a room almost vertically above the position of the bomb until the danger was over five hours later.

The trap consists of a box with screened sides inside a large, similarly constructed box. Mosquitoes will be inveigled through holes in the big box by the smell of "live" human bait inside the small box. The screens around the small box will protect the bait and enable department officials to capture the mosquitoes alive.

City experts anticipate a flood of applicants for the peso 1.25 a day job, inasmuch as all the bait has to do is lie inside the trap eight hours a day and attract mosquitoes. Health officials were silent on whether or not persons naturally attractive to mosquitoes will be given preference.

Four such traps are being constructed by the City Health Department to be installed in four sections of the city. The mosquito season begins in December and ends in May, just as the rains begin, and, according to health authorities, failure to exterminate the mosquitoes is due to lack of knowledge on what kind of mosquitoes thrive in each part of the city. The traps will help overcome this, health experts hope.

## Invasion Bells Were Rung In Error

London, Sept. 9. Church bells, the signal for attempted invasion, were rung in two areas—false alarms—on September 7. Suspicions were aroused when a coastal town men had seen boats that could not be accounted for coming towards the town and the whole West Country was on the alert for five hours.

It may have been due to a fishing fleet returning through the mist earlier than expected. Police in Surrey are investigating another false alarm given on September 7 in the Woking area, which greatly alarmed householders.

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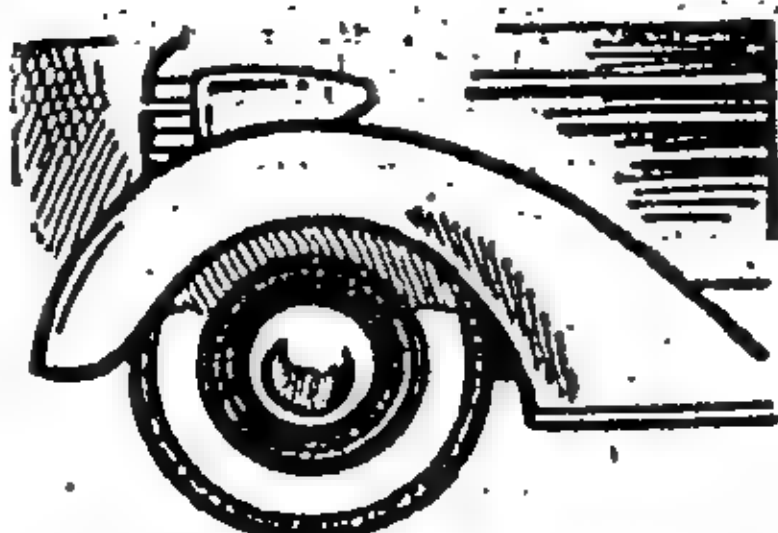
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### BRUTAL ACT

THE heartless cynic will remark that the shooting down of a defenceless C.N.A.C. passenger plane by Japanese war machines, resulting in the death of nine people, including the American pilot, Mr. W. C. Kent, is just part of the fortunes of war—a cynicism which is given additional sting by the fact that it constitutes but one of many barbarous acts connected with a war which, according to international law, does not exist!

Technically speaking there is little or no difference between deliberately shooting down an unarmed plane loaded with civilians and just as deliberately bombing civilian populations; the point is, both are horrible acts, without justification.

An expression of regret from Tokyo would not have been out of place. The more charitably minded would like to think that the act was that of an irresponsible squadron leader with his senses temporarily blinded by the lust of war; but Tokyo has displayed complete indifference, while the Japanese news agencies did not even report the occurrence; this suggests official connivance in brutality, and the attitude calls for condemnation.

The affair is not only a tragedy; it is another tragic blunder on the part of the Japanese militarists, for its only effect is further to alienate world opinion and to make China more and more determined to fight to the end.

### WOMEN'S DEFIANCE

IT is commonly said that to be sure of success a great cause must have the devoted support of the women of a nation. There can be no doubt of where and how the women of the British Commonwealth stand in this struggle to preserve liberty, dignity, and honour. They know that this is peculiarly a woman's cause, and that it is lost everything for which they have fought for generations will vanish. That is why every plan to help the war in which women have been specially enlisted has been carried through with such energy.

These manifestations of the war spirit pass through various stages.

# WILL EUROPE STARVE?

## On Hitler Rests The Legal and Moral Responsibility.

The position in fertilizers is sound. Since 1914 the manufacture of synthetic nitrates has made the Continent practically self-sufficient in nitrogen fertilizers, which are the most important. There is a surplus of potassic fertilizers, and a 30 per cent. deficiency in phosphates can probably be made good, in part at least, by the normal imports from the U.S.S.R. and French North Africa.

### Grain Stocks

What has been said so far relates to more or less normal conditions, to the sort of conditions which might be expected in 1941 or 1942. The position this winter is complicated by the fact that the 1940 crop is well below normal in most parts of the Continent, due to the severe winter and late spring, labour shortages, and some destruction by fighting. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the 1940 wheat crop at 34,000,000 tons, which is about 80 per cent. of normal consumption, and while no estimates of other crops are available, it is probable that they are down in something like the same proportion.

Matters would therefore be serious, although not quite desperate, if there were not abnormally large stocks available to offset the deficiency. Figures on stocks are incomplete and unreliable, but they can be verified and supplemented by comparing available supplies in recent years with normal consumption. It is possible to conclude with some confidence that at the beginning of the war total stocks of grains in Europe were well in excess of a normal year's imports and that they have not yet been substantially reduced.

Grain consumption could certainly be maintained at 90 per cent. of normal during 1940-41, while leaving a carry-over to meet a future emergency. Stocks, like crops, are not evenly distributed. Most were accumulated or have now been seized by Germany. Almost all are now under her control. If she does not use them where they are required the result will be local famines.

That is the crux of the matter. The fact that there is enough food produced or stored on the Continent to meet subsistence needs, this winter and in the future, does not mean that nobody will starve. It merely means that nobody need starve, that deficiencies in some regions can be offset by surpluses or stocks elsewhere. There will be shortages in the Low Countries, Poland, Norway, and parts of France. Whether or not they are made good depends upon the decision of the Reich.

The legal and moral responsibility rests with Hitler, as Professor Goodhart demonstrated recently, but he may refuse to assume it, as an aid to his anti-British propaganda, in the hope of embittering Anglo-American relations, or simply because he does not want to use up his people's resources for this purpose. If Germany resorts to this policy, and local famine results, it is important that the world should know that German boasts of ample food supplies, while not literally true, are true enough to enable Germany to sustain the peoples she has conquered.

The events of the last few months have completely altered the character of the British blockade of Germany. At the beginning of the year it was possible to consider Germany as a unit and make certain modifications for imports from contiguous countries. To-day the producing and consuming unit to which the blockade applies is, with minor modifications, the Continent of Europe, almost the whole of which is allied to Germany or occupied or economically dominated by her.

Within the Continent commodities will be exchanged as freely as Germany permits, while trade with non-European countries, provided the blockade is reasonably effective, will be difficult or impossible. Perhaps the most important effects of this change, from the military point of view, are to be found on the side of raw materials.

Germany is now assured of adequate supplies of iron and bauxite, but her supplies of many other vital materials—oil, coal, textiles, rubber, and certain minerals—have been substantially increased, while the demands on them have become much greater. But the most dramatic problem which arises concerns the Continent's supplies of food. Is it true, as we have been told by certain people on both sides of the Atlantic, that Europe faces starvation?

A definite and certain answer is not possible for a number of reasons. One does not know just how effective the blockade will be; how much food will be sold to Germany by Russia; how much the remaining independent countries will be permitted to import. Nor can one make accurate estimates of Continental stocks, or of recent or future production.

The statistics are reasonably complete to the end of 1938; they must be supplemented by incomplete figures for 1939, estimates for 1940, and guesses for 1941 and subsequent years. Nevertheless, a careful study of production and trends to the end of 1938, modified to take into account the factors which have been operating since that time, does give us an idea, probably not wildly inaccurate, of the Continent's prospects of feeding itself. For the purposes of this study the Continent is taken to include all European countries with the exception of U.S.S.R., Turkey, and the British Isles.

### Exaggeration

Stated baldly, the principal conclusion is that the danger of general starvation on the Continent has been grossly exaggerated; but it is necessary to distinguish between short-run prospects during the coming winter and the longer run. In the longer run, during the next few years, Continental production can reasonably be expected to approximate to normal consumption. There will be no surplus to be wasted or diverted to munitions industries. Careful planning of consumption and distribution will be required; in

The first is that of the natural fear and hatred of war. Then comes the protective, which the first care is for the lives and comfort of their menfolk exposed to the dangers of war. There may be other stages not so clearly marked, but there is one stage which is peculiar to this war. Women themselves and their children are flung into the firing line, subjected to alarms and death in its most forbidding aspects. And their passion of anger and hatred is concentrated upon one man—and who can hate like a woman roused?

According to some observers, many women have come to that stage in which their predominant desire and resolution is to live till vengeance is wreaked upon the arch-criminal. They no longer fear him. They "hate" him, and seek his "throat" and "grind" him down in the war of nerves.

including some adjustment of customary diets, but unless there is a succession of bad crops the total supply of essential foods should be adequate or nearly so. Poverty and autarchy have combined since the last War to make the Continent almost self-sufficient.

This is true of grains, on which the fight for self-sufficiency in Germany and Italy has concentrated with marked success. In a good crop year the Continent is self-sufficient in grains; in a normal year it is over 90 per cent. self-sufficient. The position in wheat and rye, the two most important for human consumption, is even more favourable. In meat and dairy and poultry produce Europe is more than self-sufficient.

In the years before the war it imported a little beef and mutton, but exported substantially greater quantities of bacon, ham, and pork. It also exported each year over 200,000 tons of butter, over 200,000 tons of milk, over 50,000 tons of cheese, and 100,000 tons of eggs. Shortage of fodder will make it necessary to reduce dairy herds and poultry, but unless this has to be done on a very large scale production will not be reduced much below normal consumption, and the surplus meat resulting from the slaughtering can in any case be preserved or canned.

## "Autarchy" Success

Vegetables are almost everywhere a local crop. On the Continent production and consumption have normally been balanced, and production can be increased. There is a shortage of fruits, but it is not large. Orange production almost equals consumption in years when the Mediterranean crop is good, and there is a surplus of lemons.

"Autarchy" has scored another success in the production of sugar, where the deficiency in the years before the war was only of the order of 8 per cent. The European consumer will have to forgo coffee when existing stocks are exhausted, as well as tea, which he has never learned to drink, and the third of his tobacco which came from Turkey and over-sea, but these deprivations, while unpleasant, will not be injurious to health. The most surprising Continental shortage is in wine, which France imported in vast quantities from Algeria, but in this food the remainder of the Continent is just self-sufficient.

It is not until we turn to the last important group of foodstuffs, the edible oils and fats, that we find a marked deficiency. Before the war the Continent produced olive and oil seeds and nuts sufficient to supply just over a third of its total consumption of vegetable oils; and if whole oil, supplied from the Antarctic, and used for the same purpose as the vegetable oils, is added to the imports, the proportion falls to under a third.

The subject of oils and fats is one of the greatest complexity, and it is difficult to estimate how serious this deficiency in the Continental diet would be. The chief edible products made from vegetable and animal fats are margarine, compound lard, and tallow. These and animal fats are also extensively used in industry, chiefly in making soap, but also as lubricants and in the manufacture of explosives.

## Winter Conditions

The deficiency is much less important than it seems at first sight for two reasons. The first is that the Continent has always relied chiefly on fats of animal origin. If we add estimates of the production and trade in butter, lard, and suet to the figures for vegetable and marine oils the percentage produced or supplied rises from about 30 per cent. to over 60 per cent. The second reason is that, above a certain minimum, fats are not an essential item of diet. That minimum is fully supplied from animal sources—from meat, milk, and cheese, as well as from the more or less pure animal fats included in the above computation.

Probably not more than 6 or 7 per cent. of the total calories consumed on the Continent are provided from vegetable or whole oils; which means that the loss of two-thirds of their supply, while it will cause some privation, cannot in itself cause famine.

The maintenance in future years of supplies of meat, animal products, and to a less extent grains, depends upon adequate supplies of fodder and fertilizers. Before the war the deficiency in fodder supplies was met by the import of maize, barley, oats, and seeds for the manufacture of oil cake. The total deficiency in feed of the order of 10 or 15 per cent.; and the position is really better than this, since large quantities of home-produced grasses, legumes, and potatoes are used as feed. There has been some slaughter of animals already, and there will have to be more, but most Continental animals can normally be fed from domestic production.

## A. J. McWHINNIE

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# SEVEN SEAS PATROL

I HAVE just come ashore at a northern port from a fine 11,000-ton liner which is now an armed merchant cruiser.

Once, she carried millionaires to the East. Now the Navy takes her through the silence of the Northern Patrol.

Where they played deck games a year ago, the Navy's big guns are muzzled to-day.

Where the strains of fox-trots and rumbas used to float through the ship, you can now hear only an odd mouth-organ shanty from a sailor off watch.

I went on board that armed merchant cruiser, expecting thrilling tales of roaring guns—icebergs—dreadful fights at sea. But all the blockade boys wanted to talk about was how YOU at home were standing up to your encounter with the enemy.

They wanted to hear about the women and kids whose spirit Hitler's bombers cannot kill.

They wanted news of the industrial areas where men and girls on vital work volunteer to stay at their benches and machines while the bombs are falling.

### Yearn for Action

How many times have you been proud of the Navy? To-day the Navy has that same pride in you.

Men who know no fear themselves are thrilled by you at home. In the captain's cabin, with the commodore on the bridge, in the wardroom, and down on the mess-deck, it was always the same. The heroes of the sea these days are thrilled by the bravery of the landlubbers.

They themselves haven't been shot by the enemy, because the enemy won't come out.

Away on the loneliest ocean patrols in the world—the Arctic and the North and South Atlantic—they sigh for a sudden decision by Hitler to try to sneak his bottled-up ships out of safe harbours. They yearn for action.

Month after month they have been hoping the enemy would show up. Month after month they have been disappointed. But they still on, peering through the icy darkness of Northern nights... watching and hoping.

Although their work is "dull" to them, you'd search the seas without finding happier crews.

There is the same muley atmosphere in an armed merchant cruiser that you find in the destroyers. Yet the crews are hot-potches, drawn from every conceivable branch of the sea service.

Some of them sailed in this ship when she was a luxury liner. The Admiralty took her over and invited the men. So the men came too.

The captain, a rugged, sun-tanned horse-loving squire, had a brief retirement after a fine record of naval service. When the call came, he put on his uniform again.

### Naval Reserves

So did the commodore. He left his office, set amid the roar and bustle of the City, for the bleak silent blackness of the Northern patrol.

So did the old Yeoman of Signals, with more than 30 years' service in the Royal Navy to his credit. But as he, too, was called up, the captain was proud to come back.

Then there were officers and men who, called up under the Red Ensign in other ships, but came to the Navy as Royal Navy reserves. There were business and professional men who were called up as members of the R.N.V.R.

There was an income tax collector among them. There were boys straight from the Universities. There were others whose shore jobs weren't much good, anyway. A mixed complement.

But they've pulled together with the same ideals. They share the same disappointment because the guns are silent.

They know that successful blockading was always the same.

### Jellicoe's Pride

Collingwood had to face up to the tedious aboard ship when there was no possibility of battle. Didn't he say nearly 150 years ago that his wife were forever at work "to keep my people employed both for health's sake and to save them from mischief?"

And didn't Jellicoe, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet from 1914 to 1916, show that he appreciated the kind of boredom you get in a warship which can't find a fight?

"I feel," he said, "prouder with every day that passes that I command such men, and during the period of waiting and watching they are cheerful and contented, in spite of the grey dullness of their lives."

The destroyer boys in the Channel are getting their thrills. Very soon they expect more to come.

Whenever the Italian fleet pokes its nose out of safety, the Navy in the Mediterranean has a bit of excitement, too.

And you at home are getting enough war in a night to last you a lifetime.

But our successful blockading squadrons just sail on, though they're spoiling for a fight. The longer they don't run into action, the more successful their work is.

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## CANADA'S WAR HUSTLE

### New Contracts

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—New contracts for war supplies totalling 2,280 and representing an average of one contract every 70 seconds during each working day, were placed in the first week of October by the Ministry of Munitions.

This was the largest number of contracts placed in any week since war began.

These facts were given by Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply. He further stated that three times as many contracts had been placed in six months since the Ministry took over the work of the War Supply Board, compared with the previous nine months.

Orders for the Canadian account total £28,750,000 plus newly placed orders for the British account, £30,000,000 for the British account.

**Complete Aircraft**  
OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Canada will be able to ship complete aeroplanes to Great Britain within a few months.

Hitherto Canadian companies have only built aircraft frames, the engines being installed in British plants.

Negotiations are now under way with a British firm to obtain patents and plans and British craftsmen will be sent to Canada to supervise construction of the plant.

While normally it would require two years before the first units could be produced on a mass production basis, it is estimated that with the help of skilled British craftsmen, Canadian production will begin within a few months.

About 11,000 persons are now employed in the Canadian aircraft industry—an increase of roughly 40 per cent. during the last three months.

## MIDDLE EAST FRONT

### RELIEVED BY PATROL CONTACTS

CAIRO, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—British fighting patrols were again active in the Kassala region of the Sudan on October 27 and 28, according to a British communiqué.

This communiqué adds: "On the latter day, a party of the enemy was ambushed leaving 15 dead and six prisoners in our hands. The mechanical transport vehicles were also wrecked. Our casualties were nil."

"There is nothing to report from Egypt, Kenya and Palestine."

**Aviation Busy**  
LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—A communiqué records attacks by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force in the Middle East on six Italian bases and camps in Libya and East Africa.

A stores dump was destroyed, a military building was damaged or set on fire, and warehouses were heavily bombed at Bardia and Tobruk in Libya, at Telesse, Keren and Lugherendi in Italian Somaliland and at Malakwal.

## Holland Streamlined To Dictator Regime

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Holland has been converted into a Fascist Totalitarian state on true Nazi lines, states the Dutch newspaper, "Vrij Nederland" (Free Holland).

Describing the system introduced by the Germans, the newspaper says: "The country's national administration has been centralized by the German Governor, Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, and placed in the hands of four Germans, each administering several ministerial departments and accountable only to Seyss-Inquart himself."

"Replacement of burgomasters by pro-Germans is proceeding methodically, and Seyss-Inquart has re-organized conditions under which State officials are appointed in furtherance of efforts to consolidate the German occupation."

"He also has power to appoint and dismiss all Government civil servants, railway, banking and judicial authorities and mayors."

### Totalitarian News

"Distribution of news to the Dutch people is also cut to the Totalitarian pattern."

The newspaper adds: "Dutch annoyance is growing and has been increased by the fact that the Germans have not succeeded, despite their promises, in bringing the 'Jum to-morrow' era into being. On the contrary, the standard of living in the Netherlands is rapidly getting lower, the rationing of food, clothes, petrol and other important supplies being extremely severe."

## S.A. AIRMEN IN ACTION

NAIROBI, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—South African aircraft attacked a military camp at Lugherendi in Italian Somaliland on October 29. Bombs were dropped among buildings in the target area, says a communiqué.

Other units of the South African Air Force carried out reconnaissance flights. All returned safely.

## MILITARY MEN OF MOMENT

### (BY "REUTERS" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Oct. 31.—General Sir Archibald Wavell has received a valuable reinforcement in the person of Major-General A. G. Cunningham, who is going to Kenya to take over command of troops in East Africa.

He is a brother of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, who commands the Mediterranean Fleet and shares his qualities of tenacity and pluck. Recently Major-General Cunningham has been closely associated with the anti-aircraft defences of Britain and has been a big influence in their practical development. He has an engaging personality and will be popular with the South African troops in Kenya. He is also a "live wire."

### Maj.-Gen. Fuller

Another military figure who has come to the forefront of late is Major-General Fuller, known to his friends as "Boney" on an active service because of his remarkable resemblance to Napoleon Bonaparte. He is also a man of ideas whose writings have commanded a wide public.

He considered that the army's basic needs were tanks and yet more tanks, a policy which 18 years ago was unpopular and led to such a controversy that Fuller was branded by the conventional as an extremist. Nevertheless in 1923 a permanent Tank Corps was created, largely as the result of Fuller's efforts, and this grew in experience until it was embodied in the Royal Armoured Corps which now consists of mechanized cavalry tanks.

Fuller was not able to serve with the creation of his brain. He retired many years before it matured to devote himself to writing and the study of military history.

Now once again his audacious ideas are creating widespread interest.

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,215 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	62 n.
Chartered	67 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. C.	20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. C.	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	72 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	175 n.
Union	387 1/2 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	150 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglases	130 b.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P. S.	100 n.
Indo-China D. S.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) S/-	34 1/4 n.
Waterboats	60 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	90 1/2 n.
Docks (old)	16 n.
Docks (new)	15 1/2 n.
Provisionals	450 n.
Shal Dockyards	29 n.

MINING	
Kallan S/-	14 n.
Raubs	9 1/2 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 n.

LANDS	
Hotels	320 n.
Lands	31 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	1040 n.
Humphreys	710 n.
H.K. Realities	335 n.
Chinese Estates	100 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	16 n.
Peak Trams (old)	740 n.
Peak Trams (new)	370 n.
Star Ferries	59 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	22 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	64 n.
China Lights (new)	640 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	3710 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	3033 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17 n.
Macao Electric (new)	16 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 1/2 n.
Telephones (old)	2370 n.
Telephones (new)	955 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.) Sh.	1490 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.) Sh.	12 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements	16 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes	610 b.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	174 n.
Watsons	890 n.
Lane Crawfords	745 n.
Sincere	215 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo-Sh	39 n.
Shal Cotton Sh.	180 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	89 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	95 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	95 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSBS	35 n.
H.K. Entertainment	0 1/2 b.
Constructions (old)	1 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	8 n.
Marsmann Inv. (Lon.) S/-	7 1/2 n.
Marsmann Inv. (H.K.) S/-	22 1/2 n.

## WILHELMSTRASSE CHANGES VIEWS

### An Italo-Greek War

BASLE, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The Wilhelmstrasse's view of the Italian conflict with Greece has changed, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

It is suggested that the Italo-Greek war will soon have consequences for Germany's relations with Hungary.

Official circles in Berlin compare Italy's action in Greece with Germany's action in Norway.

The political solidarity of Berlin and Rome is emphasized, seeing that the action against Greece is part of the common warfare against Britain.

Neutral observers are seriously concerned at the danger of extension of the Italo-Greek conflict, adds the correspondent.

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Deutsche London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	3/10
T.T. Singapore	3/10
T.T. Japan	1/2 1/2
T.T. India	1/2 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Manila	45 1/2
T.T. Batavia	42 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	99
T.T. Switzerland	97
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	23 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

## VICHY TO RECALL MINISTER

### Bangkok Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Oct. 31 (UP).—It is reported that Vichy is recalling M. Lepissier, the French Minister to Thailand, and it said that the French Minister at Alexandria is now enroute to Bangkok to replace him.

It is recalled that Lepissier is reported to have advised Vichy to accede to the Thai territorial demands.

The first regulation issued by the Premier under the emergency decree issued yesterday was to forbid Thai ships from stopping at Indo-China ports without special permission.

### Three-Hour Session

The Council of Ministers met in a three-hour special session this afternoon on the eve of the opening of the extraordinary session of the National Assembly; however, the subjects under discussion were not announced.

It is announced that the retired Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Indo-China, General Martenot, has accepted the invitation of the Premier to visit Bangkok while enroute to France.

The French Legation said they had no knowledge of the reported recall of M. Lepissier.

## Smash Italians Now Says Lord Chatfield

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, who was formerly Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, thinks that Britain should strike violent blows against Italy now.

Britain had naval forces in the Mediterranean able to contain the Italian Fleet, to hold the Straits of Gibraltar and to protect the Suez Canal.

In invading Greece through Albania, Italy can maintain her armies by the short sea route across the Adriatic which is not an easy sea for the British Navy, but there are



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## ITALIAN TORPEDO

### Devices Recalled By Gib. Attempt

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—No further light has been shed by the British authorities as to the actual nature of the attempt by Italian officers to torpedo ships in Gibraltar Harbour with a "special device."

Naval observers in London recall that in the last war the Italians used a sort of "sea tank" or miniature motor torpedo boat which could climb over obstructions at the entrance to harbours and also a sort of raft with which men could swim into harbours to fix mines to ships.

In 1918 a sea tank was discovered and had to be sunk but two Italian officers used a raft to get into an important harbour and blow up an Austrian warship.

## Triumphant Chinese

NANNING, Oct. 31 (Central News).—Chinese troops pursuing the Japanese from Nanning are reported to have reached Tatung, 35 miles south.

Chinese high officials have arrived in Nanning to supervise rehabilitation work. The big fires started by the Japanese upon their withdrawal are under control.

The Chinese magistrates at Lungchow, Suifu, Mingking and Szeo which were all re-taken from the Japanese, are understood to have returned.

General Huang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, told pressmen in Kwonglin yesterday that he would soon take an inspection trip to south Kwangsi.

### Railway Fighting

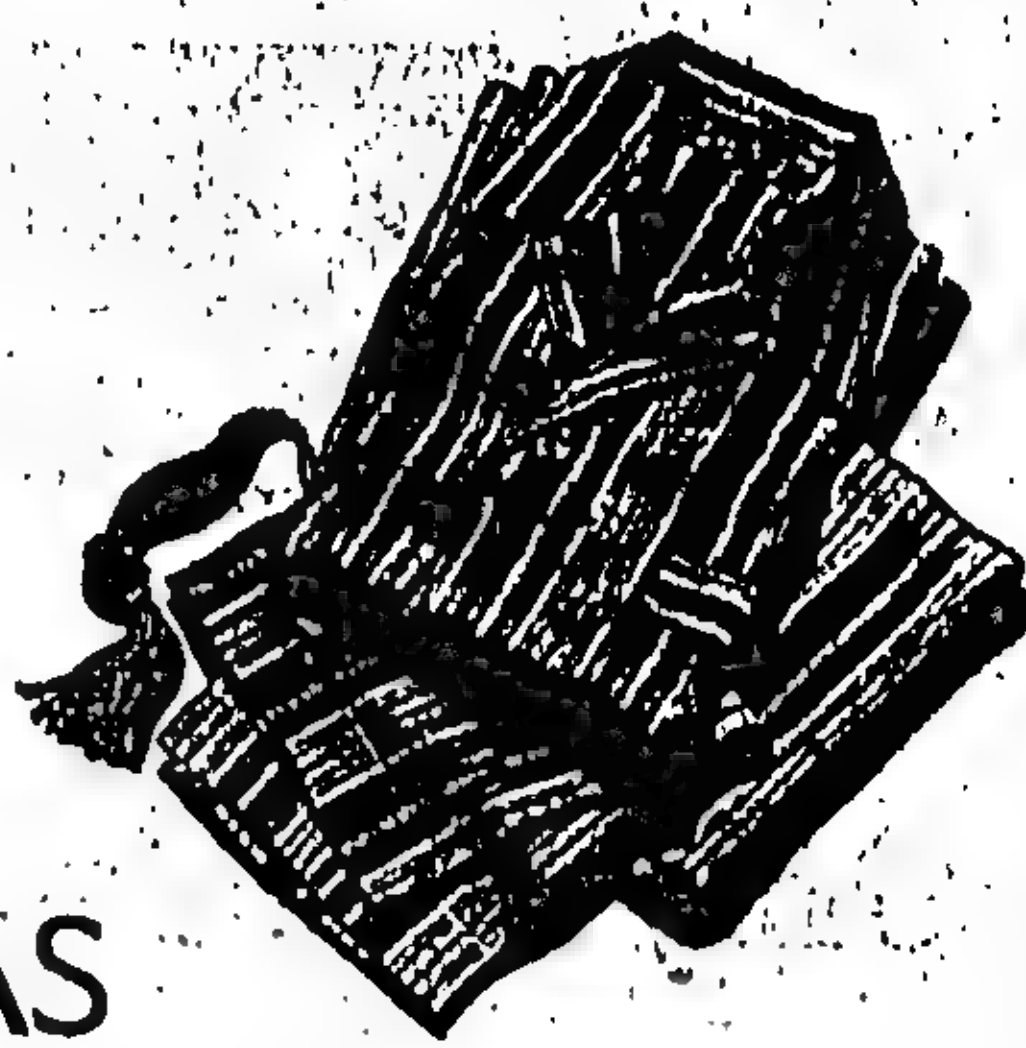
CHUNGKING, Oct. 31 (Central News).—Brisk fighting is reported around Sinyang.

To the east of the Peiping-Hankow Railway fighting is going on at Sekang. To the west, 1,000 Japanese invading an attack at Chutunglin are meeting stiff resistance.

There is fighting around Loshan, about 30 miles east of Sinyang.

In North Honan a clash occurred between Chinese and Japanese troops at Pishanhen.

A Japanese gunboat in the Tungting Lake in north Hunan laid a barrage to cover the landing of three battalions of Japanese marines at Kinnatsui on Tuesday. Chinese defence forces greeted them with intense machine-gun and rifle fire and drove them back to Yoyang.



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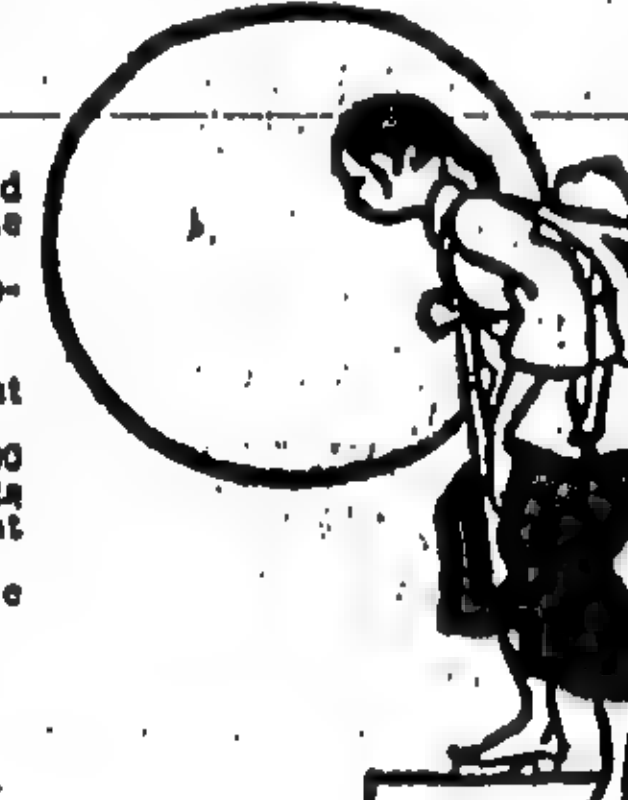
In order to continue its work, The Society appeals for the balance of \$20,000 before the close of the financial year on 31st October.

The Society now administers to over 3,000 children at eight centres and, in addition, supports 20 children at various institutions and 60 babies at its Creche.

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## FOOT ITCH

### ATHLETE'S FOOT

According to the Government Health Bulletin No. 228, at least 90% of the adult population of the United States are being attacked by the disease known as "Athlete's Foot."

Usually the disease starts between the toes. Little watery blisters form and the skin cracks and peels. After a while the itching becomes intense and you feel as though you would like to scratch off all the skin.

**Beware of It Spreading**  
Often the disease lives all over the bottom of the feet. The soles of your feet become red and inflamed. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and worse.

Get rid of this disease as quickly as possible, because it is very contagious and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crotch of the legs.

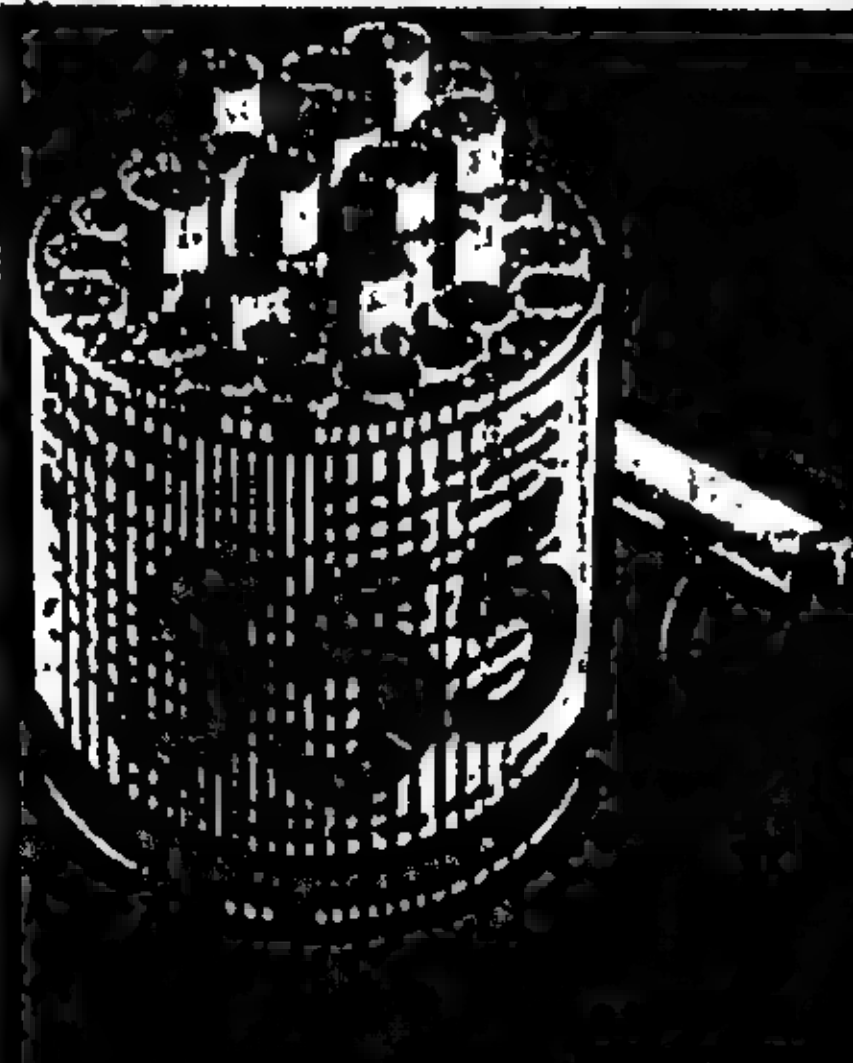
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# "Captain Foster's" Racing Review

## LAST CLASSIC FOR AUSTRALIANS

### Fremantle St. Leger Attracts Only Nine Nominations

#### SAPPER'S PROSPECTS BRIGHT

THE LAST CLASSIC event for Australian subscription ponies of this season will be contested at Happy Valley to-morrow, but the Fremantle St. Leger has not been able to attract more than nine nominations. There are, in addition, seven handicap contests; the best of which is, of course, the Essex Handicap for "A" class China ponies over the mile.

Punters will no doubt be pleased to know that the Queensland Handicap is an endurance test for "C" class Australian raters over two miles. The latter should be a quite interesting race owing to the fact that the jaunt has been lengthened from a sprint to a distance run.

We are all aware that the St. Leger is the oldest of the English classics, having been inaugurated in Doncaster over one and a half centuries ago, and the great endurance contest for three-year-olds was suggested by and named after Lt-General Anthony St. Leger.

It will be observed that the originator of this classic was a "big soldier man" and it looks that Mrs. A. E. Grasett, wife of His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, has every prospect of becoming the first

lady owner to capture the Fremantle St. Leger. Her candidate, Sapper, has been well looked after by Mr. Lou Reidy, and the progeny of Farr is well keyed for the main bout.

Strongest opposition will be his sister, Far View, the winner of Rookery-Hill Derby, and the mare is well trimmed.

However, the first prize of the Fremantle St. Leger is worth \$1,000 to the winner and we can be rest assured to see a good fight.

WE are now having much cooler weather for racing! This was the view expressed at Happy Valley the other morning by a few big trainers who claimed that the prospects of their racers were much brighter than they were at the resumption.

Fat, like charity, covers a multitude of faults and the eagerness of trainers to get an animal fit too quickly has been the downfall of many a class pony.

Some owners, of course, prefer to go slow until the cool weather sets in, and in the circumstances we may look forward to see a few outsiders popping up to-morrow.

#### SPORTS ADVT.

##### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 2nd November, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**  
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be seen throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**  
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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#### Dastardly Attempt To Cripple Race-Horse

MELBOURNE, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—An unsuccessful attempt was made to-day to cripple Beau Vite, the favourite for the Melbourne Cup, Australia's premier turf event. The attackers bored small holes into the horse box and mistook Beau Vite's stablemate for the favourite. The horse was shot in the hind thigh and back with an air gun.

#### Sussex Handicap Second Section

### Good Sprint Over Six Furlongs

HILLSBORO BAY holds the post of honour in the last event, the Sussex Handicap (second section) for "B" class China ponies, and we should see a good sprint over six furlongs.

The last named scored a notable success in the Kwangtung Handicap and I expect her to earn another bracket.

All the three ponies mentioned have equal chances, but the most dangerous is Lancashire Lass with Mr. Black in the saddle. Strong opposition is sure to come from the low weighters of which Peaceful View may upset the applicant.

#### K.C.C. Intra-Club Bowls

The Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its annual intra-club bowls match on Sunday when the over forties will meet the under forties. Play will start at 10 a.m.

#### Fremantle St. Leger

### ANOTHER DUEL BETWEEN SAPPER AND FAR VIEW

SINCE THE INCEPTION of the Fremantle St. Leger in 1931, there have been only two uncertainties. Rosy Morn, the winner of 1933, paid \$114.50, while last year Baffin Bay by Copper Rivet delighted a few punters in the know with a handsome dividend of \$410.30 for a win.

A repetition of the latter will not be possible, for to-morrow there are only two ponies in the big classic and it is going to be a family affair between Far View and Sapper—both descendants of Farr.

A fresh write up of the successes

of these two offsprings at the Annual Carnival and the subsequent extra meetings will take up too much space, and, furthermore, they are too well known among the men of the turf.

**LAST MEETING**  
HOWEVER, the last outing of Far View and Sapper was in the Diamond Bay Handicap at the Double Tenth Meeting when the former snatched a victory by three parts of a length and it was, without prejudice, a lucky win.

My field-glass could not see the back stretch, but it appeared to me that when the pack raced up the hill, Sapper did not have a clear passage.

Rounding the bend for the home run, Mrs. Grasett's candidate flew past everyone, but it was too late to beat Far View on the post.

They will meet to-morrow on equal terms and the order of the finish should be Sapper, Far View and Australian Diamond.

For the last eight years the base weight has always been 140 lb. with 5 lb. penalty for a win and 10 lb. for two or more races, but to-morrow the weight is 140 lb. with the same conditions for winners.

The reduction of weights will undoubtedly enable the ponies to run faster, and I have reason to predict that the distance of 1½ miles will be covered inside three minutes ten seconds providing the going is good.

#### Sussex Handicap First Section

### GOOD FINISH EXPECTED

THE SUSSEX HANDICAP (first section) for "B" class China ponies should provide a good finish because there are a good few speedy merchants, and the adjustment of the handicaps does not leave any loose ends. The race is over all furlongs and anything may happen. The most dangerous three are Blue Diamond, Conquering Time and Hopeful Star. Ronson is a good outsider.

## THE DAILY DOUBLE

#### Norfolk Handicap Second Section

### Eve of Hunting Should Win Easily

THE SECOND LEG of the Daily Double should be interesting, for the second section of the Norfolk Handicap confined to "C" class China ponies will be ridden by novices and it is a mile event.

On the book Eve of Hunting should walk away with the race, and Emergency Unit looks good as a place-getter.

Being a novice event I am afraid that Galveston Bay and Rose Flann have too much land to carry, and this, of course, may hinder their chances.

Soldier of Britain has been kindly treated with only 142 lb. to shoulder and he is worth \$5 each way.

#### Norfolk Handicap First Section

### Apprentices Should Be Encouraged

THE CURTAIN RAISER will be the Norfolk Handicap (first section) for "C" class China ponies and the event is to be ridden by novices over the mile course. There is no denying that the Stewards are encouraging the red-letter jockeys as much as possible by providing a race or two at every meeting, but I cannot help remarking that the owners are not playing the game. The latter should encourage the apprentices by permitting them to trot the ponies during the early mornings because it will certainly give them much confidence with better knowledge of their mounts.

The "eleventh hour booking" is not good enough for a greenhorn. However there are 14 ponies in the first section and Kentucky is among the number.

do not think the mare (she dropped a foal about three months ago) is strong enough to face the start, and I am leaving her out. Patricia has not done much racing but she ran a good third in the Carnarvon Stakes and the mare should be respected. Blue Gate after running a good third in the Kwangtung Handicap looks good, but the stallion is "confirmed loser", and I doubt if Mr. K. W. Fung will be able to keep him up with the field.

Eve of Hunting with Mr. R. M. Wood up is the best bet, while Rose-Queen to be ridden by Mr. F. A. Sequeira is dangerous. Taxing Master is in fine fettle and I hope the jockey will be able to hold her. Musketeer, the puller, is definitely starting and here is another racer which requires a pair of powerful hands to keep him with the field.

#### Queenscliff H'cap

### Much Will Depend On The Start

THERE ARE 18 entries for the Queenscliff Handicap for "D" class Australian ponies over six furlongs, but it is not expected that all will line up. It is learned that Mr. Hearne will have another go at Catterick Bridge and if the combination gets away with the field, I cannot figure anything to beat Mr. Gregory's candidate. Dick Turpin is another racer which

#### Essex Handicap

### Open Event For "A" Class China Ponies

BURFORD, the champion China pony at the Spring, has returned to the course for his daily exercise, but the stallion is not among the list of entries for the Essex Handicap confined to "A" class over the mile and the event is the first leg of the Daily Double.

He can be seen daily at his work with four bandages, and up to the time of writing the stallion has not been extended. It seems that the connections are trying their level best to have him fit for the Hongkong St. Leger, which is scheduled to be contested on November 10, and should he fail to weigh out, Burford will be ineligible for the Hongkong Autumn Champions.

#### VERY OPEN

HOWEVER, Eve of Harvest has also not been nominated for this mile run as the connections are reserving the mare for the Hongkong Autumn Champions, and the absence of these two China steeds makes the Essex Handicap very open.

I think Distinctive Time, the winner of the Double Tenth Plate, is nicely weighted and so is Dupont Bay, who annexed the Hongkong Griffins Cup. Confusion Bay is set to receive 3 lb. from Clember, the winner of St. George's Plate, but we cannot put much confidence in Mr. Bradbury's candidate due to the fact that the chestnut was on the walking list for a long time. Though he is looking extremely well, I think Clember is short of a gallop.

Craigavad was under a cloud after running third in the October Handicap and that was the reason for his non-appearance in the Double Tenth Plate. Mrs. Taggart's racer is now perfectly sound and I like him.

#### Queensland H'cap

### AUSTRALIANS' ENDURANCE TEST OVER TWO MILES

THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP for Australian ponies has undergone many changes since the introduction of this contest in 1931. For the first two years it was for ponies that had not won more than \$1,000 over six furlongs, but in 1934, ponies winning more than \$5,000 were barred. From 1935 to 1938 it was reserved for "A" class ponies over a short distance, but last year we saw the "C" class raters in the arena running from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 160 yards).

To-morrow the trip is an endurance test over two miles and Piccadilly Jim is at the top of the assessment with 157 lb. with a new racing colour to wear. Whether he will carry the silk to victory is another matter, but he certainly has a pull in the weights with Cheerful Star.

When they met in the Ballarat Handicap at the last meeting, Cheerful Star (the winner) was in receipt of eight pounds from Piccadilly Jim, whereas, to-morrow, the latter has to concede only two pounds for a beating of two lengths.

Cheerful Star by George Graves has not had more than four public appearances, but her success over the champion course seemed to be that of a stayer and the mare is my fancy.

Centre Court by Double Court astounded every critic when she romped home first in the Bondi Handicap over the Derby course at the Whitlam Meet, and the mare has the same weight to shoulder to-morrow. Centre Court is getting no younger and she will have to be at her best to turn the tables on Cheerful Star and Piccadilly Jim.

plays the goat at the gate, and one's money is safer in the pocket. Strathcarrick and Surprise Again are new members of the "D" company, and I prefer the latter. Quick Despatch will be ridden by Mr. Proulx who is too well known as the star short distance jockey, and it is certainly a good bet to follow.



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## CRAIGENGOWER C. C. ANNUAL MEETING

L. E. Lammert And R. Pestonji Elected Life Members

LIFE MEMBERSHIP was awarded two of the oldest members of the Craigengower Cricket Club at the Annual General Meeting yesterday, when the honour conferred on Mr. L. E. Lammert and Mr. R. Pestonji received the unanimous support of the meeting.

Mr. C. S. Rosset took the Chair in the absence of Mr. B. W. Bradbury and was supported by Messrs. A. B. Hamson, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, H. W. Randall, L. C. R. Souza, W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, Dr. C. W. Lam, A. E. Coates (Hon. Treasurer) and E. Zimmern (Hon. Secretary).

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said the general financial position of the Club could be regarded as very sound. The profit was well maintained and expenditure cut down in all directions. In the sports section it has been a highly important season.

#### JOINED IN 1894

THE MEETING unanimously approved that Messrs. L. E. Lammert and R. Pestonji be elected life members. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Lammert recalled that he joined the Club on its inception in 1894 and had thus beaten Mr. Pestonji by one year.

An increase in the monthly subscription by \$1, making it \$3, was brought up at the extraordinary meeting which followed the annual meeting. This motion was defeated in April. After an appeal by the Chairman, the meeting approved the increase.

#### OFFICE BEARERS

The following office-bearers were appointed: President, Mr. B. W. Bradbury; Vice-President, Mr. C. S. Rosset; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Zimmern; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Randall; Committee, Messrs. L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates,

#### Cricket Comments To Be Resumed

Regular cricket articles by "R. Abbit" will be resumed as from Tuesday next. A request is made to Secretaries of Cricket Clubs that they be good enough to supply copies of their fixture cards to c/o the "Hongkong Telegraph".

#### Club Rugby XV

The following will represent Club "A" at Rugby against Army "A" on the Police ground to-morrow afternoon at 3.15 p.m.:

H. P. Hopkins; H. Van Leeuwen; B. Hyman; P. B. Wilson and E. Jones; T. O. Morgan and F. J. D. Clemo; C. M. Stark; E. W. Stout; S. Lee; L. A. Benn; J. Moodie; A. L. Thomas; G. B. Godfrey and A. G. Daike.

W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, L. E. Lammert, W. O. Noddes, J. Leonard, Dr. V. N. Allenza.

Convenor: Bowls, Mr. L. C. R. Souza; Tennis, Mr. J. W. Leonard; Bar, Mr. W. O. Noddes; House Committee, Mr. W. K. Way; Social Committee, Mr. A. E. Coates.

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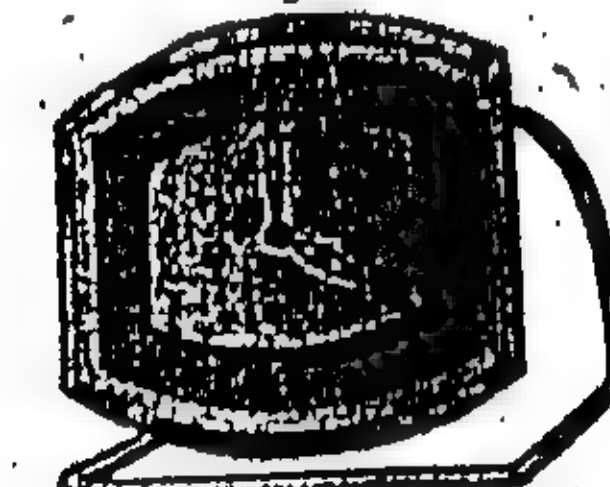
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## FRANCE NOT TO FIGHT BRITAIN

M. Laval's Assurances

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Oct. 31 (UP).—M. Pierre Laval to-day indicated that France would have no part in a war against Britain.

He stressed that collaboration with Germany would be colonial as well as economic, but he emphasised that "collaboration excludes all ideas of aggression."

The Vichy Foreign Minister stated this when he received the press at the Hotel Matignon in Paris to-night.

He warned his hearers that negotiations between France and Germany would be very difficult as long as military operations continued.

However, he declared that France was preparing a precise answer to the German questionnaire and hoped to be able to give an answer soon.

**Florence Meeting**  
ZURICH, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Decisions of capital importance concern-

ing France taken at the Florence meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, are likely to be the subject of a speech which Hitler will shortly make at a specially convened meeting of the Reichstag.

### Viceroy Of India To Stay

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Lord Linlithgow's term of office as Viceroy of India is extended for a further period of a year from April, 1941.

### U.S. To Build Ships For Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, said the British Government has placed orders with American builders for a "large number" of new freight ships.

#### Won't Disclose Details

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The fact that the British Government had ordered a large number of freighters from the United States was disclosed by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, to-day.

He said that he did not know whether the orders involved the construction of a new shipyard in the United States for exclusive British use and declined to give details beyond saying that the British had ordered a large number of one standard-type freight ship.

#### 10,000-Ton Vessels

Mr. Arthur Purvis, head of the British Purchasing Mission, later explained that he was trying especially to buy 10,000 ton cargo vessels.

The number to be purchased would depend largely on the number available. Some might be purchased in Canada but the bulk of business was expected to go to American shipyards.

## U.S. Interest In Vichy Policy Answered

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—M. Henri Haye, the French Ambassador, to-day gave the State Department renewed assurance that the United States had nothing to fear from possible developments affecting French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

### Mrs. Earl Browder To Leave

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The Department of Justice has ordered deportation to Russia of Mrs. Russel Berkman Browder, wife of Earl Browder, the Communist leader, on the ground that she entered the United States illegally.

The Browneders were married in Moscow in 1920.

### British Garrison In Iceland Visited

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—General Viscount Gort, Inspector-General of the Forces for Training, has returned to England after a fortnight's visit to the troops in Iceland, according to a War Office announcement.

### Former British Judge In China Dead

Sir Frederick Bourne, Judge of his Majesty's Supreme Court at Weihaiwei from 1904 to 1916, died at the Firs, Mayfield, on August 23.

Frederick Samuel Augustus Bourne was born on October 3, 1854, his father being the Rev. S. W. Bourne. He was educated at St. Edmund's School, Canterbury, and in 1873 became a clerk in the War Office. Three years later he joined the China Consular Service and in 1885-86 was employed on special service exploring the country bordering on Tonking.

For his services at Chungking in 1886 he received the thanks of the President of the United States. In 1890 he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, and three years later was appointed vice-consul at Canton. He was consul in charge of the Blackburn Commercial Mission in 1890-97. Before being elevated to his judgeship at Weihaiwei, he had been from 1901 to 1916 Assistant Judge of his Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Corea at Shanghai.

In 1880 he married Isabel Alice, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. J. Chalmers, and had two sons and a daughter.

### MR. KENNEDY'S FUTURE

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The U.S. Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, may become head of the Defence Commission, the "Barnie Baruch of the new World War" if President Roosevelt is re-elected.

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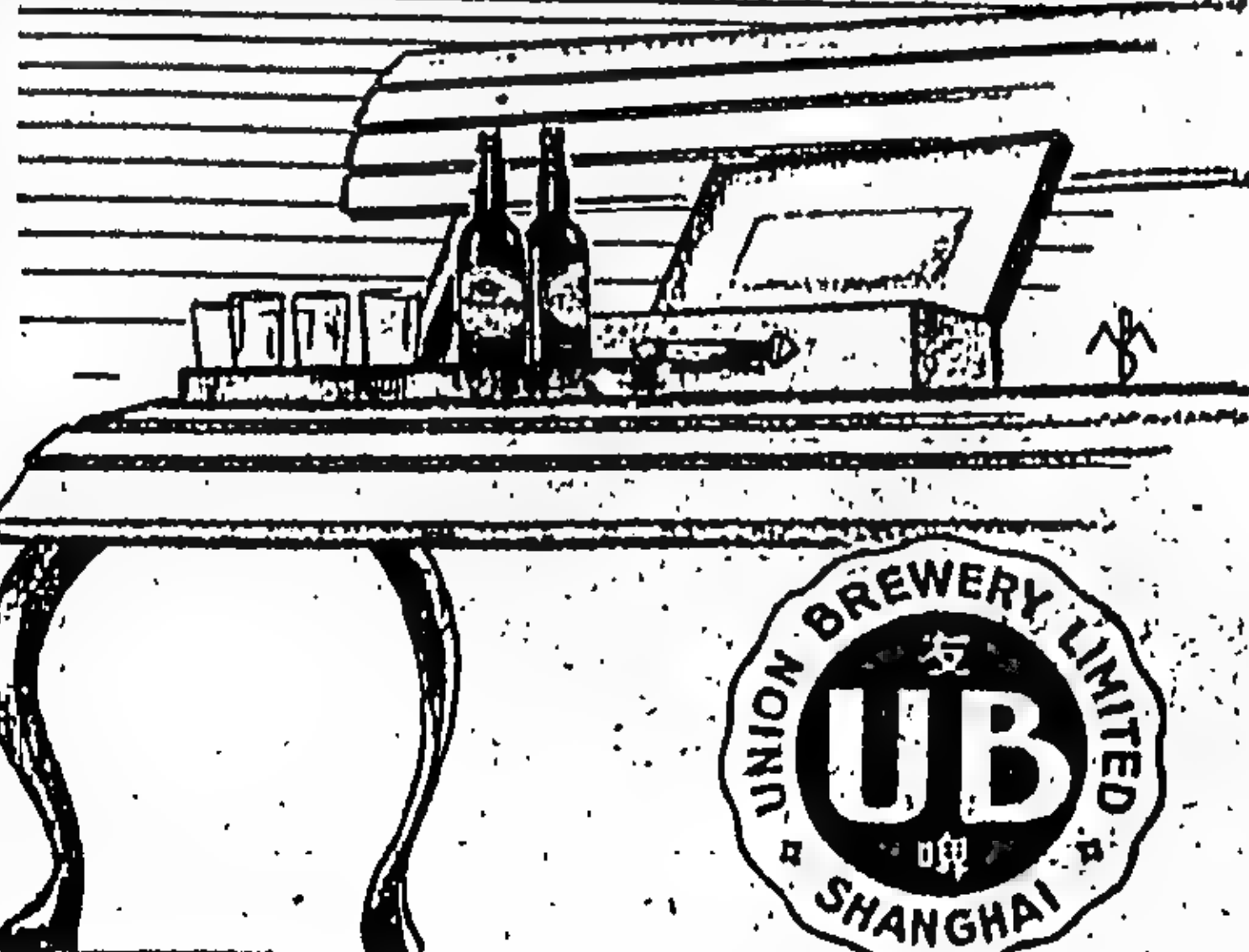
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## ARMISTICE DAY

Customary Observances Abandoned

LONDON, Oct. 31 (British Wire- less).—The King has decided that the usual Armistice Day service at the Cenotaph shall not be held this year, and the Government feel that in the present circumstances it would be preferable that other large services which it had been the custom to hold throughout the country should not be held.

In view of the risk of confusion with air raid warning signals, it will not be possible to signal a two-minute silence as in previous years.

**Poppy Day As Usual**  
November 11 will, however, be observed as Poppy Day as hitherto and the British Legion are making the usual arrangements for the sale of poppies in aid of Earl Haig's Fund.

The following announcement has been issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury:  
"H.M.G. have announced that in the present circumstances Armistice Day cannot be observed in the once customary manner. While this is inevitable, there will be a general desire that Armistice Day should not pass without associations which have so long surrounded it. It is, therefore, proposed with the approval of the King that Sunday, November 10, should be observed in our various places of worship and in our hearts and homes as a day of remembrance and dedication."

## WU TEH-CHEN

**Goodwill Tour Results**  
CHUNGKING, Nov. 1 (Central News).—General Wu Teh-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs and China's goodwill envoy to the South Sea Islands, has left Batavia for Sumatra and other parts of the Netherlands East Indies.  
As a result of General Wu's visit, there is a fresh demonstration of patriotism among Chinese in the Netherlands East Indies who have contributed \$1,000,000 (National currency) to the Chinese Government.  
General Wu is expected to complete his goodwill tour in the Netherlands East Indies within a week.

## Spaniards Decorated For Saving Britons

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—The King has awarded silver medals for gallantry and humanity to Jose Otero Cuamano and Juan Masento Padin, members of the crew of the Spanish fishing vessel, Mico, who showed the greatest disregard for personal safety in rescuing survivors from the oil tanker Telena after it had been attacked and set on fire by an enemy submarine near the Spanish coast last May.

## LATE NEWS

## Italians Advance Five Miles

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offering stiff resistance, especially with their artillery.

It has rained continuously for 48 hours in the fighting zones which have been transformed into a vast swampy land with bleak mountains for a background.

Responsible circles in Rome deny reports that the Italians have taken Janina, but an Italian communiqué states that the Italians continued to advance on Epirus and have reached the Kalamas River at several points. The port of Patras was bombed from the air and Greek ships loaded with troops were hit, claims the communiqué.

Bombs were also dropped on the bases at Lepanto, the encampments at Metzo Pass and the defence works in the Kalmas Valley, says the Rome communiqué.

Athens reports that the rumour that Russian planes have arrived at Salonika has been denied.

## Athens Precautions

The police authorities in Athens have forbidden foreigners to remain in the streets between 9 p.m. and dawn, without a special police pass.

The streets were cleared in record time late yesterday afternoon when an air alarm was sounded. A few of the sufficiently curious peered at the sky as on the first day of the war; they saw a lone reconnaissance plane fly over the city and the Tato, aerodrome, but no bombs were dropped. The machine then disappeared into the murky horizon. One person was killed in the third raid on Patras yesterday morning.

## Lepanto Bombed

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—Lepanto, in the Gulf of Corinth, Argirion and Egina were bombed by Italian aircraft yesterday. The raid on the latter place led to an afternoon alarm in Athens.

Minor damage was done to all three places.

A 9 o'clock curfew for all foreigners is imposed at Athens and this is believed to be connected with the police comb-out.

It is hoped that British subjects, as allies, will receive permits permitting freedom of movement shortly.

The Italians are using a large number of mobile field guns in which they are greatly superior to the Greeks.

## Three Lines Possible

The mountainous nature of the country on the Greek-Albanian frontier dictates only three practical lines of advance for the Italian forces.

In the north-east the gap in the high ridges which affords an approach to Florina on the road to Salonika is exceptionally well-guarded by the Greeks. The Italians had concentrated heavily at Kioia in Albania for a drive against Florina, but hitherto they have failed to make any significant progress.

Another gap found in the centre front leads only into difficult country where few, if any, strategic advantages are to be won by an attacking force.

Near the coast is a third line between the mountains and the sea. The Greek port of Patras, where more than 100 people were killed on

## U.S. Planes To Speed British Victory

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including both fighters and bombers, followed.

Nobody can say when the output of 1,300 planes a month can be reached since there are two serious bottlenecks in American industry, namely, in production of machine tools and aero-engines, but informed American sources express the view that resort may again be made to the system of releasing to Britain planes ordered for the American air forces.

## Third Plan

The new plan will be the fourth warplane building programme in the United States.

The others are (1) 35,000 planes for the United States army, already mostly contracted; (2) the original British programme for 14,000 planes; (3) the new British order for 12,000 planes.

Monday has again been heavily attacked from the air.

**Air Raid Damage**  
A communiqué issued by the Ministry of Public Safety states that in two raids yesterday damage was caused by eight planes to a number of houses, but only one person was injured.

It is reported that 110 bodies have been recovered following Monday's bombing. The victims include artists, police officials, 30 women and 45 children.

More than 200 bombs are said to have been dropped on Patras, destroying a large number of buildings, none of which could be described as military objectives.

**Invasors Penetrate**  
ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—The greatest depth of Italian advance at any point is only six miles, according to authoritative sources here.

It is stated that Italian artillery are pounding Greco and advanced posts but nowhere has contact been made with the main lines of the Greek defence.

**Italian Shot Down**  
LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—Reconnaissance flights over Greece and Italian coastal waters were made by the R.A.F. on Wednesday, and during one flight an Italian plane was encountered and shot down in flames.

**Steamer Captured**  
LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—The Greek steamer, Attica, 1,400 tons, has been captured by the Italians, states the German radio.

The steamer was en route from America to Greece with a mixed cargo of oil, copper, tyres and aluminium.

**Greek Lines Unbroken**  
SALONIKA, Oct. 31 (Dome).—The Greek lines in the Macedonian sector of the Albanian front remain unbroken, according to the latest field dispatches. Until now there has been no air attack on Salonika which has been blacked out for the past three nights with anti-aircraft guns in a state of readiness.

Usual bright waterfront cafes shuttered their windows to burn dim blue lights. Air raid shelters are being hastily dug in the main square of the city.

Italian residents numbering 500 have been arrested but Germans are still at large. Everything on wheels has been requisitioned. Even bicycles are affected and only trams are running.

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## ITALIAN FORCES AMBUSHED AND WIPED OUT BY GREEK DEFENDERS

### Albania Is Bombarded from Corfu: British Planes Active In Adriatic

Special to the "Telegraph"  
From "United Press" Correspondents

ACCORDING TO A GREEK RADIO REPORT PICKED UP AT BUCHAREST, TWO ITALIAN COMPANIES FELL INTO A GREEK AMBUSH ON THE FLORINA FRONT ON WEDNESDAY WHEN MANY WERE KILLED BY THE ENFILADING GREEK MACHINE-GUNS, WHILE THE REMAINDER OF THE INVADERS FLED.

### GREEK BOMBERS IN ACTION

Harass Italian Forces

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (UP).—Italian planes bombed Patras again to-day and also Navpaktos on the north shore of the Gulf of Corinth where they killed a woman and eight men, and destroyed a schoolhouse.

Meanwhile informed military quarters believe that Janina is the chief objective of the Italians but they deny the Italian claims to a big push in the Florina sector, which they say is "still comparatively quiet."

### Warlike Acts By America Alleged

Remarkable Despatch To Tokyo Paper

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A remarkable despatch from Shanghai to the "Nichi Nichi Shimben" in Tokyo, quoted by "Domei" says that the United States is preparing for war against Japan.

The despatch contends that the United States is walking into the danger zone in the Far East as a result of Washington's "policy of bluff."

The article boldly asserts that American political, diplomatic, military and economic measures adopted in the Far East "have passed the stage of bluffing, rushing straight towards war."

**Complete Embargo Envisaged**

The despatch supports this by quoting the evacuation of American residents from the Orient, which can be interpreted as a prelude to the imposition of a complete trade embargo against Japan, evacuation preparations by the 4th Regiment of the United States Marines stationed in Shanghai, who are simultaneously undergoing extensive training; the recent \$25,000,000 loan to Chungking; the creation of advance base facilities for an attack against Japan from Manila, where large quantities of armaments consigned to Chungking are held up.

It is alleged in the despatch that between 150 and 170 Boeing bombers are now in Manila and the craft are capable of carrying out raids on Tokyo from the Philippines, while pursuit planes are being sent from the United States to the Philippines.

K. P. CHEN AT LASHIO

CHUNGKING, Nov. 1 (Central News).—Mr. K. P. Chen, Chairman of the Foreign Trade Commission, arrived at Lashio on October 27. He is expected to spend some time there before proceeding to an unrevealed destination.

Mr. Chen, a well-known Shanghai banker, who headed the Chinese Economic Commission to the United States, returned to China, recently from America where he spent nearly two years.

It was also announced that Greek warships on Wednesday bombarded the foremost Italian positions on the Albanian mainland opposite the city of Corfu.

It is stated that British planes carried out reconnaissance flights over the Greek and Italian coasts near Corfu, during which time they brought down an Italian plane.

### ITALIAN ADVANCE VERY SLOW

The Greek radio has announced that the first batch of Italian prisoners, numbering 50, arrived on Thursday at Salonika.

Reports reaching diplomatic quarters in Washington from Greece declare that the Italian advance is very slow and has not exceeded seven miles in any direction up to Thursday morning.

It is also averred that Britain has so far not landed troops in large numbers in Greece proper, although Greece has been receiving abundant supplies of British munitions.

A spokesman of the Greek Foreign Office in Athens yesterday told the "United Press" that the overruns reports of peace talks between Greece and Italy are absurd because all of the Greek frontier lines are holding out, while Britain is giving all aid possible.

This statement is interpreted as indicating that Greece will continue the war despite reports in the Balkan capitals that peace is imminent unless British and Turkish aid is forthcoming. Athens reports that low clouds and driving rain have quenched down fighting along the entire Italo-Greek war front. Aviation is inactive.

**Italian Plane Ambushed**

Two Greek fighter planes ambushed an Italian seaplane between Peloponnes and Attica. According to the Greek radio one Italian army corps has penetrated Greek territory, but is meeting with strong resistance and was immediately repulsed yesterday.

The Greeks also routed two Italian companies who abandoned their guns and equipment.

**WILHELMSTRASSE CHANGES VIEWS**

**An Italo-Greek War**

BASLE, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—The Wilhelmstrasse's view of the Italian conflict with Greece has changed, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Baster Nachrichten."

It is suggested that the Italo-Greek war will soon have consequences for Germany's relations with Hungary. Official circles in Berlin compare Italy's action in Greece with Germany's action in Norway.

The political solidarity of Berlin and Rome is emphasized, seeing that the action against Greece is part of the common warfare against Britain. Neutral observers are seriously concerned at the danger of extension the Italo-Greek conflict, adds the correspondent.

### British Pilots Batter Sea Ports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 31 (UP).

—To-day's Air Ministry communique says that yesterday, bombs were dropped on Cherbourg harbour, and last night on the docks at Hamburg, Flushing and the naval base at Emden.

**Raids On Ostend**

The Air Ministry also announced: "A small force of coastal command Blenheim planes last night struck at targets in Ostend Harbour."

"Our bombers scored direct hits freely on the quays and shipping berths. The crews could see debris thrown high in the air."

**Incendiaries Do Damage**

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—Many tons of high explosive bombs and hundreds of incendiaries were dropped last night on the German-occupied ports of Flushing, Antwerp and Emden, states the Air Ministry news service.

The attack on Flushing began early in the evening and lasted just over an hour. Several sticks of bombs were dropped on "Walcheren" Canal and the inner and outer harbours, and though cloud and haze made it difficult to see the full results, of the bombing, one huge fire started between two docks was visible from 55 miles away.

At Antwerp, explosions and fires were reported in the harbour area. At Emden, bursts were observed on a quay and in the harbour; one very bright fire was started while other fires were seen to spread rapidly. One aircraft attacked a nearby TURN TO Back Page, Column 4

### R.A.F. DID THIS IN GERMANY



Proving that the Air Ministry's claims regarding R. A. F. attacks on German cities are not wild imaginings, this picture taken by an American agency, shows Nazi firemen trying to fight the flames in a huge timber yard set ablaze by British incendiary bombs in a recent raid on a north German town.

### ICHANG TO BE EVACUATED?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Oct. 31 (UP).—Banking circles have reported that large fires are raging in Ichang, indicating a possible Japanese evacuation.

The Chinese military spokesman, however, said that he had no information on the subject at the present.

### 28 Missing From Sunk French Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Admiralty has listed 28 missing and 16 rescued from the commandeered French steamer St. Malo which was sunk by enemy action last Saturday on the high seas.

**Berlin Claim**

BERLIN, Oct. 31 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the British merchant vessel Starstone, 5,700 tons has been sunk west of Ireland by heavy calibre bombs.

### Nehru Arrested

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian leader one of the two men chosen by Mahatma Gandhi to make anti-war speeches in India, was arrested at Allahabad to-night, according to the Delhi radio.

### BIG U.S. GAINS IN TRADE WITH CHINA

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. (UP).—The Department of Commerce report to-day revealed large gains in United States trade with China and a large favourable balance accruing to China for the first nine months of this year, despite the Sino-Japanese war.

Trade in both directions was greater than during the nine months of the last normal year, namely 1936.

Imports from China this year, valued at \$70,472,000, rose 74 per cent over the same period last year and 16 per cent over 1936. Exports to China, valued at \$62,250,000, rose about 80 per cent over the same period last year and almost 80 per cent over 1936.

**China's Favourable Balance**

Experts said Chinese raw silk and tung oil shipments to the United States being larger, and prices being higher, accounted for most of the increase. China imported United States raw cotton and tobacco.

Meanwhile United States exports to Japan for the first nine months of this year totalled \$165,000,000 as compared with imports from Japan totalling \$104,000,000 giving Japan an unfavourable trade balance of over \$60,000,000. In the same period last year exports to Japan totalled \$155,000,000 and imports \$102,000,000.

Nine months exports to the Philippines this year were valued at \$73,705,000 against \$68,735,000 for the same period last year. Imports from the Philippines totalled \$68,439,000 against \$73,186,000 last year.

**Another Mouth For Goebbels To Feed**

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—Frau Goebbels presented her husband with their seventh child—a daughter to-day, says a Berlin report.

### Black Sea Interests At Stake

No Soviet Promise To Turks

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—Reports that the Soviet Union has promised to assist Turkey in the event of a German attack on the Dardanelles are ridiculed here.

The Turkish view apparently is that if the Soviet Union had felt strong enough to challenge Germany she would have prevented her establishing herself on the Black Sea coast.

According to reports reaching Ankara from Moscow, Soviet officials are already hinting that the Straits are of no great interest to the Soviet Union anyway.

LATEST

### Police Serve Notices On H.K. Evacuees

As a follow-up to recent notification that an evacuee steamer would leave in the second week of November, on which fifty berths had been reserved and which it is understood is bound for Australia, the Police Authorities have served orders on the women affected, notifying them that they must leave the Colony in the near future.

A European Police officer went round yesterday evening with the notices, and served them personally. The notices in each case contain a reminder that failure to comply with the order will entail a penalty, which it is pointed out can be a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment.

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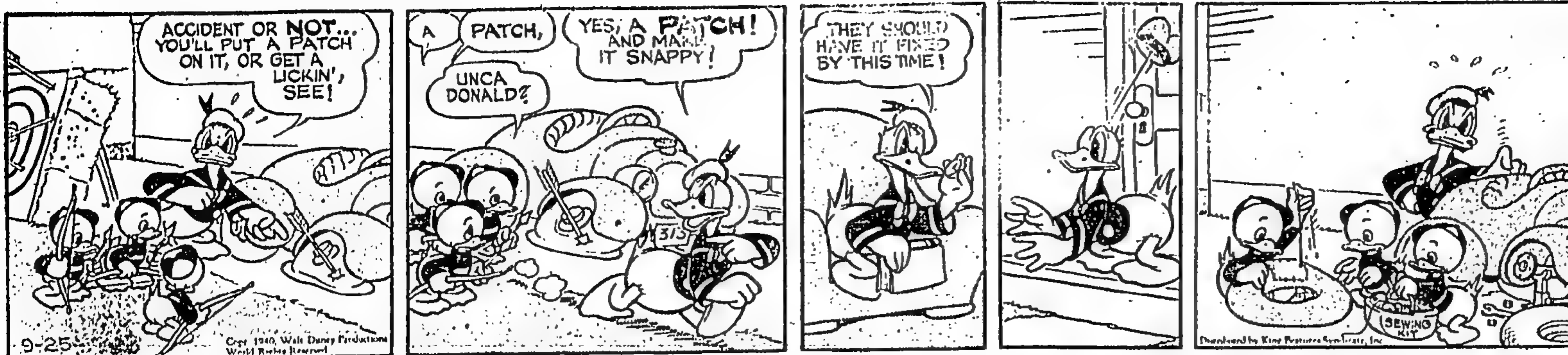






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# AIRMEN ACT AS TARGETS

By JOHN CASHEL

SIXPENCE a day to be bombed! Don't laugh. That really happens.

I have just been talking to Three Men in a Yellow Boat who offer themselves as human targets, though, their lives being precious, a substantial slab of protective armour is placed between them and the rain of high explosives.

They are one of many trios of brave men of Britain's Royal Air Force who speed over the coastal ranges round our shores in armoured target motor-boats so that our bombers can learn, and perfect their aim by practising the real thing.

The airmen drop live explosives weighing about eleven pounds each, large enough when they find their elusive mark to dent the three and a half tons of armour protecting the little target boat and to give the three men inside it an unpleasant shake-up.

They wear crash-helmets and ear-protectors, and the armour covers the wheel-house, engine-room and hull of their craft. The rest is packed with a buoyant material to prevent it from being sunk by a good hit.

THE boat is painted yellow—the R.A.F.'s colour to distinguish training aircraft and this colouring also helps to show up the tiny target boats to the bombers as they will have nothing so small to attack in the shape of enemy objectives.

The target boats flash along at 20 knots, turning, zig-zagging, dodging the practice bombers. A hit sometimes capsizes them. The three men, good swimmers and specially trained for the job, dive clear, right their boat if it does not automatically right itself, clamber in again, ready for the next fall of bombs.

Nothing extraordinary for them. Just routine heroics!

THEIR captain is a corporal earning 7s. 9d. a day. The other two are leading aircraftmen, pay 6s. 3d., or possibly one is an aircraftman, pay 4s. 6d.

Each receives an extra sixpence a day when at sea. Another sixpence beyond that when they are bombed, proud to be chosen for the privilege of earning that last sixpence.

They are one section of the little-known sea-arm of the flying men, the R.A.F.'s Own Navy, operated by Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill's Coastal Command.

Day and night, at the Command's sea-stations around Britain's 4,000 miles of coastline, the Airmen's Fleet never stops working.

Come to a typical station. Besides the target boats you see the better-known high-speed launches. With a crew of ten under a master mariner, they race out at 40 knots, rescuing Nazi airmen shot or forced down at sea, and—although this need is less often—our own sea-wrecked airmen.

They are assisted by their smaller sisters, the 13-knot pinnaces, with a crew of five. These are the Fleet's maids-of-all-work.

Look at that one. It is laying a flare-path so that a flying-boat can see to take off and another to come down. A second pinnace dashes across the harbour carrying stores of water. A third is off to recover torpedoes fired by aircraft at practice over the bombing range.

THERE'S another different craft—a seaplane tender or crashboat. It's speeding towards a plane that has been forced down at practice. Always during practice a crash-boat is standing by ready to give aid in emergency.

And what's that? A flying-boat refueller moving off to the anchorage of half a dozen flying-boats.

They're just back from patrol, the Eyes Over the Sea, after keeping ceaseless vigil on all Hitler is doing at the occupied ports from Norway's Bergen to France's Bordeaux, on whatever Nazi ship puts its nose into the North Sea or the Channel, on enemy planes that set out to reconnoitre or raid Britain.

The flying-boat patrols are our first line of defence. They must be refuelled immediately they come back, ready for instant action again. The re-

fueller is quickly at their side, doing the job.

Something else is there, too. A flat-bottomed steel shell, known as a bomb-scow. The flying-boat, if the hunting has been good, needs a fresh load of bombs as well as petrol.

They want the bombs, the bomb-scow has them. They are soon hoist aboard. No waiting. The flying-boat is not allowed for one moment to sit "empty."

Sometimes the bombers practise far out at sea. When they do that the R.A.F. has steam-driven trawler and drifter auxiliaries to retrieve any torpedoes used.

EVEN these auxiliaries do not exhaust the variety of this diverse Fleet. There are the mooring boats, with an immense task to fulfil. All round the coasts are the mooring sites for flying-boats.

Day and night they must be kept in perfect order. Round and round, doing the job, go the mooring boats, supplementing the work of the land mooring staffs.

Fast dinghies provide communication between shore and aircraft at every sea station of Coastal Command, which ever has its own floating dock.

Broadly speaking, every high-speed launch that puts to sea on its mission of mercy, every major movement of this motley fleet, is like all coastal flying operations, directed over the wireless and other inter-communication lines from the G.H.Q.'s Ops. Room, the Brain-Box of C.C.

And the brain inside the box—Bowhill—does he see much? "answered one of his staff, "Why he lives there!"

# Willkie's Boast Of War Aid For Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 31 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, asserted this evening that he could gear up production in the United States for aeroplanes and other munitions to aid Britain, much better than could Mr. Roosevelt.

He addressed 10,000 people in the centre of the city. Referring Mr. Roosevelt's speech at Boston last night, Mr. Willkie said, "If I am elected President, our production of planes will be geared up that a request for 12,000 planes by Britain would not even be news because it would be so insignificant."

WILLIE'S ACCUSATION  
BALTIMORE, Maryland, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—An allegation that President Roosevelt has been "trying to appease" the "Totalitarian Powers" was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie in his campaign speech here to-day.

Mr. Willkie promised to work for the "maintenance of peace in the Western Hemisphere" but said that he would not stand for a policy of appeasement. He contended that the Roosevelt administration had been "hoping those very nations which the third term candidate says should be

unarmoured" citing the recent release of a shipment of machine tools to Russia, the "ally of Germany."

Mr. Willkie added: "This is no way to protect ourselves. As President I will not help to mechanise the Red Army so that it can carry out its purposes. We shall feel well content to mechanise the army of the United States."

Mr. Willkie said appeasement was the surest way to war.

CLOSE ELECTION  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (UP).—The magazine "News Week" in a poll of fifty outstanding political writers, found 27 forecasting President Roosevelt's re-election, 22 forecasting Mr. Wendell Willkie's and one undecided.

All the writers agreed that the election will be the closest since 1916. In a poll made by New York on September 22, a total of 34 writers predicted that Mr. Roosevelt would win and 16 were in favour of Willkie.

## FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"Call up the broadcasting company and tell that woman her slip's showing!"

## U.S. Planes To Speed British Victory

Producers' Great Efforts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—The United States War Department is reported to have planned the production of 12,000 additional bombers, largely with the help of the motor car industry.

This programme, estimated to cost \$2,000,000,000, is stated by independent sources to cover the 12,000 planes asked for by Britain.

It is believed that the War Department proposes the erection of two large factories to assemble the parts manufactured in motor car factories. Whether these will be operated by the Government or by the aircraft or motor car industry is not yet decided.

1,300 Planes A Month  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—The United States is at present sending Britain between 250 and 300 planes a month, it is estimated, and with every effort being made to speed production, this figure should be steadily increased.

President Roosevelt's allusion in his speech at Boston last night to Britain's request for additional planes refers to the scheme broached by British purchasing officials to the Treasury some weeks ago when they asked if it would be possible for the United States to produce 3,000 planes a month for Britain.

Two Bottlenecks  
Investigations have showed that this is hardly feasible and that it would require the establishment of nearly 40 new factories. Estimates were given for the production of about 1,300 planes a month, and a new British order for 12,000 planes, including both fighters and bombers, followed.

Nobody can say when the output of 1,300 planes a month can be reached since there are two serious bottlenecks in American industry, namely, in production of machine tools and aero-engines, but informed American sources express the view that resort may again be made to the system of releasing to Britain planes ordered for the American air forces.

Third Plan  
The new plan will be the fourth warplane building programme in the United States. The others are (1) 35,000 planes for the United States army, already mostly contracted; (2) the original British programme for 14,000 planes; (3) the new British order for 12,000 planes.

## MILITARY MEN OF MOMENT

(BY "REUTERS" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Oct. 31.—General Sir Archibald Wavell has received a valuable reinforcement in the person of Major-General A. G. Cunningham, who is going to Kenya to take over command of troops in East Africa.

He is a brother of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, who commands the Mediterranean Fleet and shares his qualities of tenacity and pluck. Recently Major-General Cunningham has been closely associated with the anti-aircraft defences of Britain and has been a big influence in their practical development. He has an engaging personality and will be popular with the South African troops in Kenya. He is also a "live wire."

Maj.-Gen. Fuller  
Another military figure who has come to the forefront of late is Major-General Fuller, known to his friends as "Boney" when on active service because of his remarkable resemblance to Napoleon Bonaparte. He is also a man of ideas whose writings have commanded a wide public.

He considered that the army's basic needs were tanks and yet more tanks, a policy which 18 years ago was unpopular and led to such a controversy that Fuller was branded by the conventional as an extremist. Nevertheless in 1923 a permanent Tank Corps was created, largely as the result of Fuller's efforts, and this grew in experience until it was embodied in the Royal Armoured Corps which now consists of mechanised cavalry tanks.

Fuller was not able to serve with the creation of his brain. He retired many years before. It matured to devote himself to writing and the study of military history. Now once again his audacious ideas are creating widespread interest.

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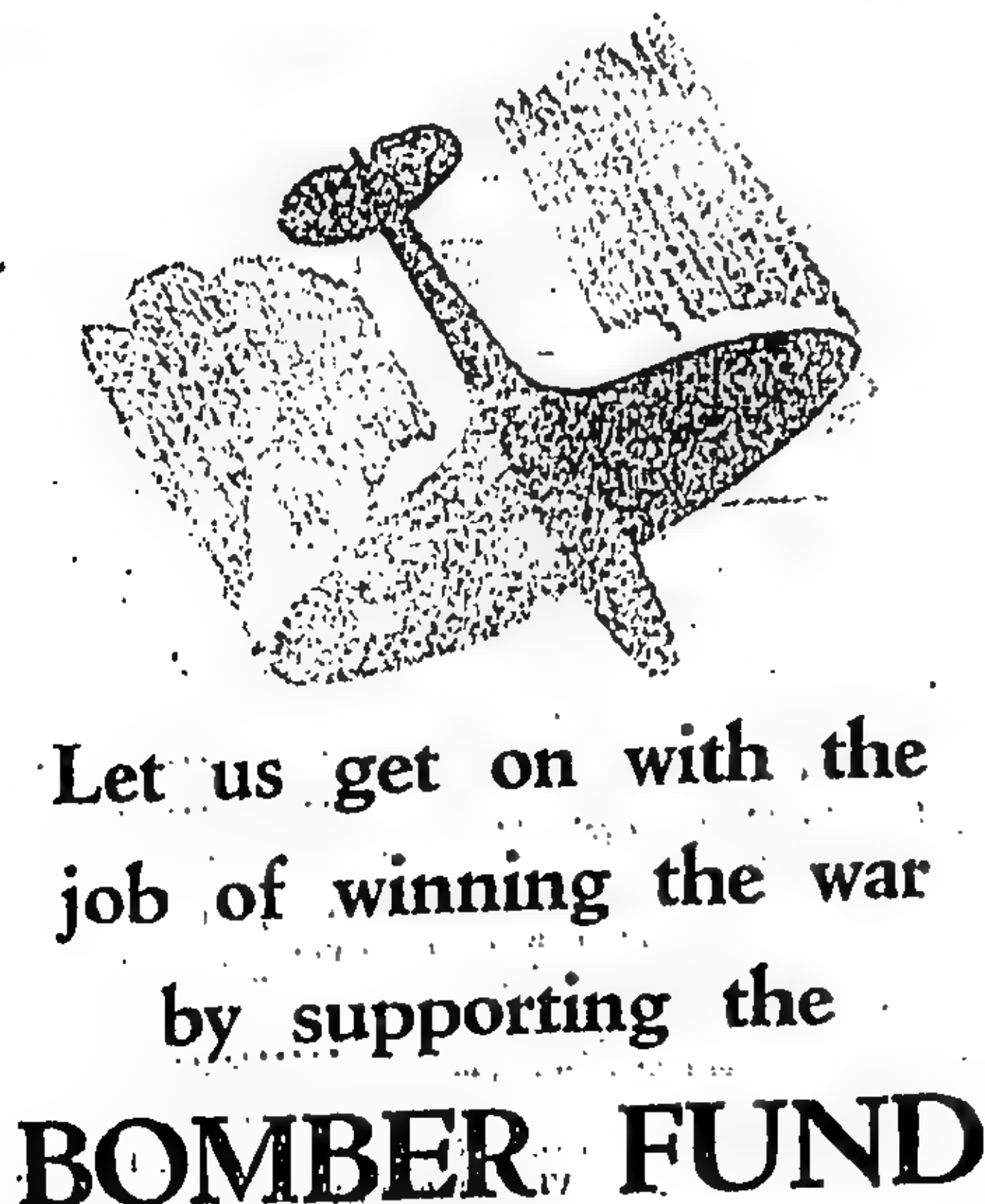
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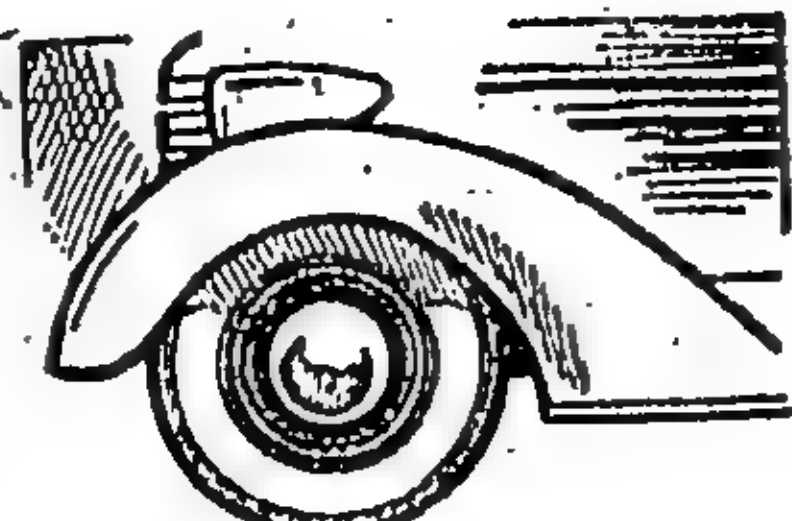
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### BRUTAL ACT

THE heartless cynic will remark that the shooting down of a defenceless C.N.A.C. passenger plane by Japanese war machines, resulting in the death of nine people, including the American pilot, Mr. W. C. Kent, is just part of the fortunes of war—a cynicism which is given additional sting by the fact that it constitutes but one of many barbarous acts connected with a war which, according to international law, does not exist!

Technically speaking there is little or no difference between deliberately shooting down an unarmed plane loaded with civilians and just as deliberately bombing civilian populations; the point is, both are horrible acts, without justification.

An expression of regret from Tokyo would not have been out of place. The more charitably minded would like to think that the act was that of an irresponsible squadron leader with his senses temporarily blinded by the lust of war; but Tokyo has displayed complete indifference, while the Japanese news agencies did not even report the occurrence; this suggests official connivance in brutality, and the attitude calls for condemnation. The affair is not only a tragedy; it is another tragic blunder on the part of the Japanese militarists, for its only effect is further to alienate world opinion and to make China more and more determined to fight to the end.

### WOMEN'S DEFIANCE

IT is commonly said that to be sure of success a great cause must have the devoted support of the women of a nation. There can be no doubt of where and how the women of the British Commonwealth stand in this struggle to preserve liberty, dignity, and honour. They know that this is peculiarly a woman's cause, and that if it is lost everything for which they have fought for generations will vanish. That is why every plan to help the war in which women have been specially enlisted has been carried through with such energy.

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# WILL EUROPE STARVE?

## On Hitler Rests The Legal and Moral Responsibility

The events of the last few months have completely altered the character of the British blockade of Germany. At the beginning of the year it was possible to consider Germany as a unit and make certain modifications for imports from contiguous countries. To-day the producing and consuming unit to which the blockade applies is, with minor modifications, the whole of which is allied to Germany or occupied or economically dominated by her.

Within the Continent commodities will be exchanged as freely as Germany permits, while trade with non-European countries, provided the blockade is reasonably effective, will be difficult or impossible. Perhaps the most important effects of this change, from the military point of view, are to be found on the side of raw materials.

Germany is now assured of adequate supplies of iron and bauxite, but her supplies of many other vital materials—oil, coal, textiles, rubber, and certain minerals—have been substantially increased, while the demands on them have become much greater. But the most dramatic problem which arises concerns the Continent's supplies of food. It is true, as we have been told by certain people on both sides of the Atlantic, that Europe faces starvation?

A definite and certain answer is not possible for a number of reasons. One does not know just how effective the blockade will be; how much food will be sold to Germany by Russia; how much the remaining independent countries will be permitted to import. Nor can one make accurate estimates of Continental stocks, or of recent or future production.

The statistics are reasonably complete to the end of 1938; they must be supplemented by incomplete figures for 1939, estimates for 1940, and guesses for 1941 and subsequent years. Nevertheless, a careful study of production, and trends to the end of 1938, modified to take into account the factors which have been operating since that time, does give us an idea, probably not widely inaccurate, of the Continent's prospects of feeding itself. For the purposes of this study the Continent is taken to include all European countries with the exception of U.S.S.R., Turkey, and the British Isles.

### Exaggeration

Stated baldly, the principal conclusion is that the danger of general starvation on the Continent has been grossly exaggerated; but it is necessary to distinguish between short-run prospects during the coming winter and the longer run. In the longer run, during the next few years, Continental production can reasonably be expected to approximate to normal consumption. There will be no surplus to be wasted or diverted to munitions industries. Careful planning of consumption and distribution will be required, in-

The first is that of the natural fear and hatred of war. Then comes the protective, when the first care is for the lives and comfort of their menfolk exposed to the dangers of war. There may be other stages, not so clearly marked, but there is one stage which is peculiar to this war. Women themselves and their children are being used as a line of defence, subjected to alarms and death in its most forbidding aspects. And their passion of anger and hatred is concentrated upon one man—and who can hate like a woman roused?

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cluding some adjustment of customary diets, but unless there is a succession of bad crops the total supply of essential foods should be adequate or nearly so. Poverty and autarchy have come since the last War to make the Continent almost self-sufficient.

This is true of grains, on which the fight for self-sufficiency in Germany and Italy has concentrated with marked success. In a good crop year the Continent is self-sufficient in grains; in a normal year it is over 90 per cent. self-sufficient. The position in wheat and rye, the two most important for human consumption, is even more favourable. In meat and dairy and poultry produce Europe is more than self-sufficient.

In the years before the war it imported a little beef and mutton, but exported substantially greater quantities of bacon, ham, and pork. It also exported each year over 200,000 tons of butter, over 200,000 tons of milk, over 50,000 tons of cheese, and 100,000 tons of eggs. Shortage of fodder will make it necessary to reduce dairy herds and poultry, but unless this has to be done on a very large scale production will not be reduced much below normal consumption, and the surplus meat resulting from the slaughterings can in any case be preserved or canned.

### "Autarchy" Success

Vegetables are almost everywhere a local crop. On the Continent production and consumption have normally been balanced, and production can be increased. There is a shortage of fruit, but it is not large. Orange production almost equals consumption in years when the Mediterranean crop is good, and there is a surplus of lemons.

"Autarchy" has scored another success in the production of sugar, where the deficiency in the years before the war was only of the order of 8 per cent. The European consumer will have to forgo coffee when existing stocks are exhausted, as well as tea, which he has never learned to drink, and from Turkey and overseas, but these deprivations, while unpleasant, will not be injurious to health. The most surprising Continental shortage is in wine, which France imported in vast quantities from Algeria, but in this food the remainder of the Continent is just self-sufficient.

### A. J. McWHINNIE

## Introduces you in this article to the SEVEN SEAS PATROL

I HAVE just come ashore at a northern port from a fine 11,000-ton liner which is now an armed merchant cruiser.

Once she carried millionaires to the East. Now the Navy takes her through the silence of the Northern Patrol.

Where they played deck games a year ago, the Navy's big guns are manned to-day.

Where the strains of foxtrots and rumbas used to float through the ship, you can now hear only an odd mouth-organ shanty from a sailor off watch.

I went on board that armed merchant cruiser expecting thrilling tales of roaring guns—icebergs—dreadful fights at sea. But all the blockade boys wanted to talk about was how YOU at home were standing up to your encounter with the enemy.

They wanted to hear about the women and kids whose spirit Hitler's bombers cannot kill.

They wanted news of the industrial areas where men and girls on vital work volunteer to stay at their benches and machines while the bombs are falling.

### Yearn for Action

How many times have you been proud of the Navy? To-day the Navy has that same pride in you.

Men who know no fear themselves are thrilled by you at home. In the captain's cabin, with the commander on the bridge, in the wardroom and down on the mess-deck, it was always the same. The heroes of the sea these days are thrilled by the bravery of the landlubbers.

They themselves haven't been getting near the enemy, because the enemy won't come out.

It is not until we turn to the last important group of foodstuffs, the edible oils and fats, that we find a marked deficiency. Before the war the Continent produced olives and oil seeds and consumed the total supply just over a third of its total consumption of vegetable oils; and if whole oil, supplied from the Americas, and used for the same purpose as the vegetable oils, is added to the imports, the proportion falls to under a third.

The subject of oils and fats is one of the greatest complexity, and it is difficult to estimate how serious this deficiency in the Continental diet would be. The chief edible products made from vegetable and marine oils are margarine, compound lard, and tallow. They and animal fats are also extensively used in industry, chiefly in making soap, but also as lubricants and in the manufacture of explosives.

### Winter Conditions

The deficiency is much less important than it seems at first sight for two reasons. The first is that the Continent has always relied chiefly on fats of animal origin. If we add estimates of the production and trade in butter, lard, and tallow to the percentage produced and consumed from about 30 per cent. to over 60 per cent. The second reason is that, above a certain minimum, fats are not an essential item of diet. That minimum is fully supplied from animal sources—from meat, milk, and cheese, as well as from the more or less pure animal fats included in the above computation.

Probably not more than 4 or 7 per cent. of the total calories consumed on the Continent are provided from vegetable or whole oils; which means that the loss of two-thirds of their supply, while it will cause some privation, cannot in itself cause famine.

The maintenance in future years of supplies of meat, animal products, and to a less extent grains, depends upon adequate supplies of fodder and fertilizers. Before the war the deficiency in fodder supplies was met by the import of muze, barley, oats, and seeds for the manufacture of oil cake. The total deficiency in feed grains and cake, however, was only of the order of 10 or 15 per cent.; and the position is really better than this, since large quantities of home produced grasses, legumes, and potatoes are used as feed. There has been some slaughter of animals already, and there will have to be more, but most Continental animals can normally be fed from domestic production.

Away on the loneliest ocean patrols in the world—the Arctic and the North and South Atlantic—they sigh for a sudden decision by Hitler to try to sneak his bottled-up ships out of safe harbours. They yearn for action.

Month after month they have been hoping the enemy would show up. Month after month they have been disappointed. But they sail on, peering through the icy darkness of Northern nights . . . watching and hoping.

Although their work is "dull" to them, you'd search the seas without finding happier crews.

There is the same matey atmosphere in an armed merchant cruiser that you find in the destroyers. Yet the crews are hotel-potches, drawn from every conceivable branch of the sea service.

Some of them sailed in this ship when she was a luxury liner. The Admiralty took her over and invited the men. So the men came too.

The captain, a rugged, sun-tanned horse-loving squarer, had a brief retirement after a fine record of naval service. When the call came, he put on his uniform again.

So did the old Yeoman of Signals, with more than 30 years' service in the Royal Navy, to his credit. But, as he told me, "me and the captain were proud to come back."

Then there were officers and men who sailed the seas under the Red Ensign, in other ships, but came to the Navy as Royal Navy reserves. There were business and professional men who were called up as members of the R.N.V.R.

### Naval Reserves

So did the commander. He left his office, set amid the roar and bustle of the City, for the bleak silent blackness of the Northern patrol.

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The position in fertilizers is sound. Since 1914 the manufacture of synthetic nitrates has made the Continent practically self-sufficient in nitrogen fertilizers, which are the most important. There is a surplus of potassic fertilizers, and a 30 per cent. deficiency in phosphates can probably be made good, in part at least, by the normal imports from the U.S.S.R. and French North Africa.

### Grain Stocks

What has been said so far relates to more or less normal conditions, to the sort of conditions which might be expected in 1941 or 1942. The position this winter is complicated by the fact that the 1940 crop is well below normal in most parts of the Continent, due to the severe winter and late spring. Labour shortages, and some destruction by fighting. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the 1940 wheat crop at 34,000,000 tons, which is about 80 per cent. of normal consumption, and while no estimates of other crops are available, it is probable that they are down in something like the same proportion.

Matters would therefore be serious, although not quite desperate, if there were not abnormal large stocks available to offset the deficiency. Figures on stocks are incomplete and unreliable, but they can be verified and supplemented by comparing available supplies in recent years with normal consumption. It is possible to conclude with some confidence that at the beginning of the war total stocks of grains in Europe were well in excess of a normal year's imports and that they have not yet been substantially reduced.

Grain consumption could certainly be maintained at 90 per cent. of normal during 1940-41, while leaving a carry-over to meet a future emergency. Stocks, like crops, are not evenly distributed. Most were accumulated or have now been seized by Germany. Wheat, for example, is under her control. If she does not use them where they are required the result will be local famines.

That is the crux of the matter. The fact that there is enough food produced or stored on the Continent to meet subsistence needs, this winter and in the future, does not mean that nobody will starve. It merely means that nobody need starve, that deficiencies in some regions can be offset by surpluses or stocks elsewhere. There will be shortages in the Low Countries, Poland, Norway, and parts of France. Whether or not they are made good depends upon the decision of the Reich.

The legal and moral responsibility rests with Hitler, as Professor Goodhart demonstrated recently, but he may refuse to assume it, as an aid to his anti-British propaganda, in the hope of embittering Anglo-American relations, or simply because he does not want to use up German reserves for this purpose. If he does adopt this policy, and local famine results, it is important that the world should know that German boasts of ample food supplies, while not literally true, are true enough to enable Germany to sustain the peoples she has conquered.

There was an income tax collector among them. There were boys straight from the Universities. There were others whose shore jobs weren't much good, anyway. A mixed complement.

But they've pulled together with the same ideals. They share the same disappointment because the guns are silent.

They know that successful blockading was always the same.

### Jellicoe's Pride

Collingwood had to face up to the tedious board ship when there was no possibility of battle. Didn't he say nearly 150 years ago that his wife were forever at work "to keep my people employed both for health's sake and to save them from mischief?"

And didn't Jellicoe, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, from 1914 to 1916, show that he appreciated the kind of boredom you get in a warship which can't find a fight?

"I feel," he said, "prouder, with every day that passes that I command such men, and watching them the period of waiting and watching they are cheerful and contented, in spite of the grey dullness of their lives."

The destroyer boys in the Channel are getting their thrills. Very soon they expect more to come.

Whenever the Italian fleet pokes its nose out of safety, the Navy in the Mediterranean has a bit of excitement, too.

And you at home are getting enough war in a night to last you a lifetime.

But our successful blockading squadrons just sail on, though they're spelling for a fight. The longer they don't run into action, the more successful their work is.



# ITALIANS ADVANCE FIVE MILES: FORCES CONVERGE ON JANINA

By REYNOLDS PACKARD  
United Press Staff Correspondent.

ROME, OCT. 31. (UP).—ITALIAN FORCES ARE CONVERGING IN A PINCH MOVE-  
MENT TO-NIGHT UPON THE TOWN OF JANINA, THE FIRST IMPORTANT TOWN BEYOND  
THE GREEK-ALBANIAN FRONTIER, ACCORDING TO DISPATCHES FROM ARGYROCASTRE.

One column composed of Alpini Bersaglieri and also Albanian regiments is circling southward towards Janina from the frontier town of Porta. The second column is heading direct for Janina from the region of the Albanian town of Kenispoli.

The Porta column is reported to have pushed within ten miles of Janina and the Kenispoli column within five miles—at least one of them is expected to enter the objective before noon to-morrow. Another column is fighting forward towards Phorina in northern Greece aided by aeroplanes strafing mountain artillery.

## WOULD DEMAND ABDICATION OF KING

Italian quarters have declined to discuss the reported armistice between Italy and Greece, declaring that the Italian occupation will continue whether or not it is resisted. It is emphasised among most quarters here that the Italians would only consider overtures envisaging the abdication of the present King of Greece and the capitulation of General Metaxas and his followers.

Reports from Ohrid state that the Italians at dawn to-day occupied the small Greek village of Kastanani several metres to the south of Kenispoli and that they also attacked the Greek town of Melissopetra on the main road to Janina where they were repulsed by the Greeks.

### Bad Weather

Bad weather along the whole battle line is reported to have hampered operations through the night. At dawn heavy commencing was audible on the Yugo-Slavian border from the direction of the Albanian village of Bilista near Prepeza.

It was reported that at about 6 a.m. Italian troops from the Albanian town of Mesarie crossed the frontier and followed the main road to Janina. They attacked a bridge across the River Vjosa but were halted by Greek artillery and repulsed after an hour's fighting. Seventeen Italians were killed and forty wounded, while four Greeks were seriously wounded. The main concentration of Italian troops on the Greek frontier are said to be at Mesarie, according to the reports from Ohrid.

### Five-Mile Advance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
The Italians are reported to have advanced five miles along the Delvino-Janina road despite strong Greek resistance, says a "United Press" message from Ohrid. The Rome newspapers assert that the Italian advance is proceeding steadily, although they confess the Greeks are offering stiff resistance, especially with their artillery.

It has rained continuously for 48 hours in the fighting zones which have been transformed into a vast swamp-land with black mountains for a background.



## FOOT ITCH ATHLETE'S FOOT

According to the Government Health Bulletin No. 2, at least 50% of the adult population of the United States are being attacked by the disease known as Athlete's Foot.

Usually it begins with itching between the toes. Little watery blisters form and the skin cracks and peels. After a while the itching becomes intense and you feel as if you would like to scratch on all the skin.

**Beware of It Spreading**  
Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the foot. It may also spread to the sides of the foot. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and more intense. Get rid of this disease as quickly as possible, because it is very contagious and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crook of the leg.

**Here's How to Treat It**  
The germ that causes the disease is known as Trichophyton. It buries itself deep in the tissues of the skin and is very hard to kill. The only way to get rid of it is by using a medicine that will reach the germ, so you can see why the ordinary remedies are so unsuccessful.

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## Holland Streamlined To Dictator Regime

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Holland has been converted into a Fascist totalitarian state on true Nazi lines, states the Dutch newspaper, "Vrij Nederland" (Free Holland).

Describing the system introduced by the Germans, the newspaper says: "The country's national administration has been centralised by the German Governor, Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, and placed in the hands of four Germans, each administering several ministerial departments and accountable only to Seyss-Inquart himself."

"Replacement of burgomasters by pro-Germans is proceeding methodically, and Seyss-Inquart has reorganised conditions under which State officials are appointed in furtherance of efforts to consolidate the German occupation."

"He also has power to appoint and dismiss all Government civil servants, railway, banking and judicial authorities and mayors."

**Totalitarian News**  
"Distribution of news to the Dutch people is also cut to the totalitarian pattern."

The newspaper adds: "Dutch annoyance is growing and has been increased by the fact that the Germans have not succeeded, despite their promises, in bringing the 'jam to-morrow' era into being. On the contrary, the standard of living in the Netherlands is rapidly getting lower, the rationing of food, clothes, petrol and other important supplies being extremely severe."

### WU TEH-CHEN

#### Goodwill Tour Results

CHUNGKING, Nov. 1 (Central News).—General Wu Teh-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs and China's goodwill envoy to the South Sea Islands, has left Batavia for Sumatra and other parts of the Netherlands East Indies.

As a result of General Wu's visit, there is a fresh demonstration of patriotism among Chinese in the Netherlands East Indies who have contributed \$1,000,000 (National currency) to the Chinese Government.

General Wu is expected to complete his goodwill tour in the Netherlands East Indies within a week.

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Lepanto, in the Gulf of Corinth, Arrion and Egina were bombed by Italian aircraft yesterday. The raid on the latter place led to an afternoon alarm in Athens.

Minor damage was done to all three places.

A 9 o'clock curfew for all foreigners is imposed at Athens and this is believed to be connected with the Pao combat-out.

It is hoped that British subjects, as allies, will receive permits permitting freedom of movement shortly.

The Italians are using a large number of mobile field guns in which they are greatly superior to the Greeks.

### Three Lines Possible

The mountainous nature of the country on the Greek-Albanian frontier dictates only three practical lines of advance for the Italian forces.

In the north-east the gap in the high ridges which affords an approach to Florina on the road to Salonika is exceptionally well-guarded by the Greeks. The Italians had concentrated heavily at Kioleia in Albania for a drive against Florina, but hitherto they have failed to make any significant progress.

Another gap found in the centre front leads only into difficult country where few, if any, strategic advantages are to be won by an attacking force.

Near the coast is a third line between the mountains and the sea. The Greek port of Patras, where more than 100 people were killed on Monday, has again been heavily attacked from the air.

### Air Raid Damage

A communiqué issued by the Ministry of Public Safety states that in two raids yesterday damage was caused by eight planes to a number of houses, but only one person was injured.

It is reported that 110 bodies have been recovered following Monday's bombing. The victims include

priests, police, officials, 30 women and 45 children.

More than 200 bombs are said to have been dropped on Patras, destroying a large number of buildings, none of which could be described as military objective.

**Invasion Penetrates**  
ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The greatest depth of Italian advance at any point is only six miles, according to authoritative sources here.

It is stated that Italian artillery are pounding Greek and advanced posts but nowhere has contact been made with the main lines of the Greek defence.

**Italian Shot Down**  
LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Reconnaissance flights over Greek and Italian coastal waters were made by the R.A.F. on Wednesday, and during one flight an Italian plane was encountered and shot down in flames.

**Steamer Captured**  
LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The Greek steamer, Attica, 1,400 tons, has been captured by the Italians, states the German radio.

The steamer was en route from America to Greece with a mixed cargo of oil, copper, tyres and glycerine.

**Greek Lines Unbroken**  
SALONIKA, Oct. 31 (Domel).—The Greek lines in the Macedonian sector of the Albanian front remain unbroken, according to the latest field dispatches. Until now there has been no air attack on Salonika which has been backed out for the past three nights with anti-aircraft guns in a state of readiness.

Usual bright waterfront cafes shuttered their windows to burn dim blue lights. Air raid shelters are being hastily dug in the main square of the city.

Italian residents numbering 500 have been arrested but Germans are still at large. Everything on wheels has been requisitioned. Even bicycles are affected and only trams are running.

## ARMISTICE DAY

### Customary Observances Abandoned

LONDON, Oct. 31 (British Wire- less).—The King has decided that the usual Armistice Day service at the Cenotaph shall not be held this year, and the Government feel that in the present circumstances it would be preferable that other large services which it had been the custom to hold throughout the country should not be held.

In view of the risk of confusion with air raid warning signals, it will not be possible to signal a two-minute silence as in previous years.

### Poppy Day As Usual

November 11 will, however, be observed as Poppy Day as hitherto and the British Legion are making the usual arrangements for the sale of poppies in aid of Earl Haig's Fund.

The following announcement has been issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury: "I.M.G. have announced that in the present circumstances Armistice Day cannot be observed in the once customary manner. While this is inevitable, there will be a general desire that Armistice Day should not pass without associations which have so long surrounded it. It is, therefore, proposed with the approval of the King that Sunday, November 10, should be observed in our various places of worship and in our hearts and homes as a day of remembrance and dedication."

## Smash Italians Now Says Lord Chatfield

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, who was formerly Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, thinks that Britain should strike "violent blows" against Italy now.

Britain had naval forces in the Mediterranean able to contain the Italian Fleet, to hold the Straits of Gibraltar and to protect the Suez Canal.

In invading Greece through Albania, Italy can maintain her armies by the short sea route across the Adriatic which is not an easy sea for the British Navy, but there are

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## ITALIAN TORPEDO Devices Recalled By Gib. Attempt

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—No further light has been shed by the British authorities as to the actual nature of the attempt by Italian officers to torpedo ships in Gibraltar Harbour with a "special device."

Naval observers in London recall that in the last war the Italians used a sort of "sea tank" or miniature motor torpedo boat which could climb over obstructions at the entrance to harbours and also a sort of raft with which men could swim into harbours to fix mines to ships.

In 1918 a sea tank was discovered and had to be sunk but two Italian officers used a raft to get into an important harbour and blow up an Austrian warship.

## GALE STOPS RAIDERS

LONDON, Oct. 31 (UP).—There had been a lull in the aerial attacks for over an hour at nine o'clock to-night possibly on account of a wild southwesterly gale with rain and dense mists from across the Straits of Dover.

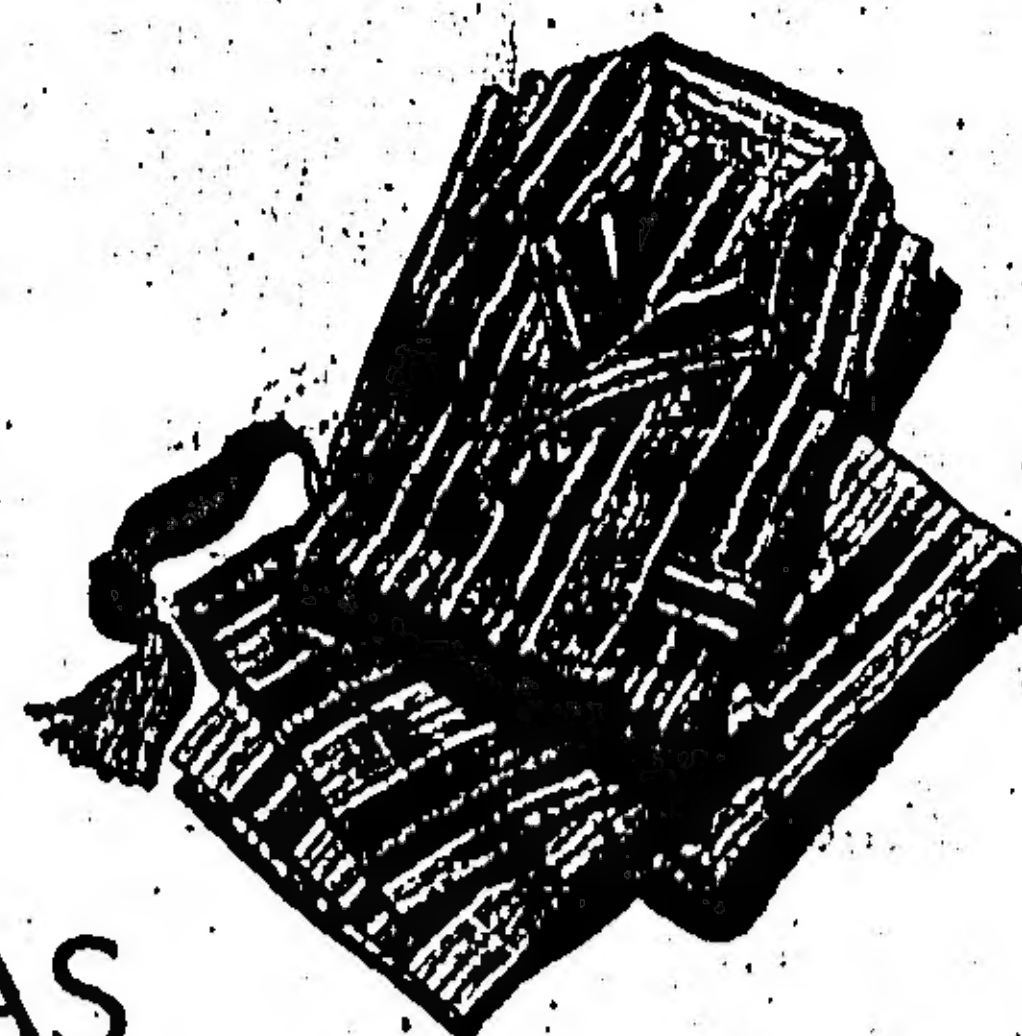
The daylight raids to-day were scattered and desultory over the southeast of England, the Midlands and the Thames Estuary—several towns being machine gunned.

**Tube Shelters**  
LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Further steps are being taken to increase air raid shelter accommodation in London's tubes and to make it easier for people to go to and from work.

On Monday next express buses, stopping at only two intermediate points, will be run to the suburbs on ten extra routes.

**Early "All Clear"**  
LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—After an earlier alert, Londoners heard the earliest "Raiders Passed" signal to-night since extensively night raids began in early September.

Buses, trams and the tubes ran to a normal schedule.



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# "Captain Foster's" Racing Review

## LAST CLASSIC FOR AUSTRALIANS

### Fremantle St. Leger Attracts Only Nine Nominations SAPPER'S PROSPECTS BRIGHT

THE LAST CLASSIC event for Australian subscription ponies of this season will be contested at Happy Valley to-morrow, but the Fremantle St. Leger has not been able to attract more than nine nominations. There are, in addition, seven handicap contests; the best of which is, of course, the Essex Handicap for "A" class China ponies over the mile.

Panthers will no doubt be pleased to know that the Queensland Handicap is an endurance test for "C" class Australian raters over two miles. The latter should be a quite interesting race owing to the fact that the jaunt has been lengthened from a sprint to a distance run.

We are all aware that the St. Leger is the oldest of the English classics, having been inaugurated in Doncaster over one and a half centuries ago, and the great endurance contest for three-year-olds was suggested by and named after Lt.-General Anthony St. Leger.

It will be observed that the founder of this classic was a "big game" man and it looks that Mrs. A. E. Gravel, wife of His Excellency Major-General A. E. Gravel, has every prospect of becoming the first

lady owner to capture the Fremantle St. Leger. Her candidate, Sapper, has been well looked after by Mr. Lou Kelly, and the progeny of Farr is well keyed for the main bout.

Strongest opposition will be his sister, Far View, the winner of Hooley-Hill Derby, and the mare is well trimmed.

However, the first prize of the Fremantle St. Leger is worth \$1,000 to the winner and we can be rest assured to see a good fight.

WE are now having much cooler weather for racing! This was the view expressed at Happy Valley the other morning by a few big trainers who claimed that the prospects of their racers were much brighter than they were at the resumption.

Fat, like charity, covers a multitude of faults and the eagerness of trainers to get an animal fit too quickly has been the downfall of many a class pony.

Some owners, of course, prefer to go slow until the cool weather sets in, and in the circumstances we may look forward to see a few outsiders popping up to-morrow.

#### Fremantle St. Leger

### ANOTHER DUEL BETWEEN SAPPER AND FAR VIEW

SINCE THE INCEPTION of the Fremantle St. Leger in 1931, there have been only two uncertainties. Rosy Morn, the winner of 1933, paid \$114.50, while last year Baffin Bay by Copper Rivet delighted a few punters in the know with a handsome dividend of \$410.30 for a win.

A repetition of the latter will not be possible, for to-morrow there are only two ponies in the big classic and it is going to be a family affair between Far View and Sapper—both descendants of Farr.

A fresh write up of the successes

#### Dastardly Attempt To Cripple Race-Horse

MELBOURNE, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—An unsuccessful attempt was made to-day to cripple Beau Vite, the favourite for the Melbourne Cup, Australia's premier turf event. The attackers bored small holes into the horse's box and mistook Beau Vite's stablemate for the favourite. The horse was shot in the hind thigh and hock with an air gun.

#### Sussex Handicap Second Section

### Good Sprint Over Six Furlongs

HILLSBORO BAY holds the post of honour in the last event, the Sussex Handicap (second section) for "B" class China ponies, and we should see a good sprint over six furlongs.

The last named scored a notable success in the Kwangtung Handicap and I expect her to earn another bracket.

All the three ponies mentioned have equal chances, but the most dangerous in Lancashire Lass with Mr. Black in the saddle. Strong opposition is sure to come from the low weights of which Peaceful View may upset the apple-cart.

#### K.C.C. Intra-Club Bowls

The Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its annual intra-club bowls match on Sunday when the over forties will meet the under forties. Play will start at 10 a.m.

## THE DAILY DOUBLE

#### Norfolk Handicap Second Section

### Eve of Hunting Should Win Easily

THE SECOND LEG of the Daily Double should be interesting, for the second section of the Norfolk Handicap confined to "C" class China ponies will be ridden by novices and it is a mile event.

On the book Eve of Hunting should walk away with the race, and Emergency Unit looks good as a place-getter.

Being a novice event I am afraid that Galveston Bay and Rose Flann have too much lead to carry, and this, of course, may hinder their chances.

Soldier of Britain has been kindly treated with only 142 lb. to shoulder and he is worth \$5 each way.

#### Norfolk Handicap First Section

### Apprentices Should Be Encouraged

THE CURTAIN RAISER will be the Norfolk Handicap (first section) for "C" class China ponies and the event is to be ridden by novices over the mile course. There is no denying that the Stewards are encouraging the red-letter jockeys as much as possible by providing a race or two at every meeting, but I cannot help remarking that the owners are not playing the game. The latter should encourage the apprentices by permitting them to trot the ponies during the early mornings because it will certainly give them much confidence with better knowledge of their mounts.

The "eleventh hour booking" is not good enough for a greenhorn. However there are 14 ponies in the first section and Kentucky is among the number. I do not think the mare (she dropped a foal about three months ago) is strong enough to face the start, and I am leaving her out. Patricia has not done much racing but she ran a good third in the Cornarvon Stakes and the mare should be respected. Blue Gate after running a good third in the Kwangtung Handicap looks good, but the stallion is a "confirmed loner" and I doubt if Mr. K. W. Fung will be able to keep him up with the field.

Eve of Hunting with Mr. R. M. Wood up is the best bet, while Rose-Queen to be ridden by Mr. F. A. Sequerra is dangerous. Taming Master is in fine fettle and I hope the jockey will be able to hold her. Musketeer, the puller, is definitely starting and here is another racer which requires a pair of powerful hands to keep him with the field.

#### Queenscliff H'cap

### Much Will Depend On The Start

THERE ARE 18 entries for the Queenscliff Handicap for "D" class Australian ponies over six furlongs, but it is not expected that all will line up. It is learned that Mr. Hearne will have another go at Catterick Bridge and if the combination gets away with the field, I cannot figure anything to beat Mr. Gregory's candidate. Dick Turpin is another racer which

#### Essex Handicap

### Open Event For "A" Class China Ponies

BURFORD, the champion China pony at the Spring, has returned to the course for his daily exercise, but the stallion is not among the list of entries for the Essex Handicap confined to "A" class over the mile and the event is the first leg of the Daily Double.

He can be seen daily at his work with four bandages, and up to the time of writing the stallion has not been extended. It seems that the connections are trying their level best to have him fit for the Hongkong St. Leger, which is scheduled to be contested on November 16, and should he fail to weigh out, Burford will be ineligible for the Hongkong Autumn Champions.

#### VERY OPEN

HOWEVER, Eve of Harvest has also not been nominated for this mile run as the connections are reserving the mare for the Hongkong Autumn Champions, and the absence of these two China steeds makes the Essex Handicap very open.

I think Distinctive Time, the winner of the Double Tenth Plate, is nicely weighted and so is Dupont Bay, who annexed the Hongkong Griffins Cup. Confusion Bay is set to receive 3 lb. from Clembur, the winner of St. George's Plate, but we cannot put much confidence in Mr. Bradbury's candidate due to the fact that the chestnut was on the walking list for a long time. Though he is looking extremely well, I think Clembur is short of a gallop.

Craigavad was under a cloud after running third in the October Handicap and that was the reason for his non-appearance in the Double Tenth Plate. Mrs. Taggart's race is now perfectly sound and I like him.

#### Queensland H'cap

### AUSTRALIANS' ENDURANCE TEST OVER TWO MILES

THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP for Australian ponies has undergone many changes since the introduction of this contest in 1931. For the first two years it was for ponies that had not won more than \$1,000 over six furlongs, but in 1934, ponies winning more than \$5,000 were barred. From 1935 to 1938 it was reserved for "A" class gee-gees over a short distance, but last year we saw the "C" class raters in the arena running from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 160 yards).

To-morrow the trip is an endurance test over two miles and Piccadilly Jim is at the top of the assessment with 157 lb. with a new racing colours to wear. Whether he will carry the silk to victory is another matter, but he certainly has a pull in the weights with Cheerful Star.

When they met in the Ballarat Handicap at the last meeting, Cheerful Star (the winner) was in receipt of eight pounds from Piccadilly Jim, whereas, to-morrow, the latter has to concede only two pounds for a beating of two lengths.

Cheerful Star by George Graves has not had more than four public appearances, but her success over the champion course seemed to be that of a stayer; and the mare is my fancy. Centre Court by Double Court astounded every critic when she romped home first in the Bondi Handicap over the Derby course at the Whistling Meet, and the mare has the same weight to shoulder to-morrow. Centre Court is getting no younger and she will have to be at her best to turn the tables on Cheerful Star and Piccadilly Jim.

plays the goat at the gate, and one's money is safer in the pocket. Stratherrick and Surprise Again are new members of the "D" company, and I prefer the latter. Quick Despatch will be ridden by Mr. Proulx who is too well known as the star short distance jockey, and it is certainly a good bet to follow.

## CRAIGENGOWER C. C. ANNUAL MEETING

L. E. Lammert And R. Pestonji Elected Life Members

LIFE MEMBERSHIP was awarded two of the oldest members of the Craigengower Cricket Club at the Annual General Meeting yesterday, when the honour conferred on Mr. L. E. Lammert and Mr. R. Pestonji received the unanimous support of the meeting.

Mr. C. S. Rosset took the Chair in the absence of Mr. B. W. Bradbury and was supported by Messrs. A. B. Hamson, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, H. W. Randall, L. C. R. Souza, W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, Dr. C. W. Lam, A. E. Coates (Hon. Treasurer) and E. Zimmermann (Hon. Secretary).

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said the general financial position of the Club could be regarded as very sound. The profit was well maintained and expenditure cut down in all directions. In the sports section it has been a highly important season.

#### JOINED IN 1894

THE MEETING unanimously approved that Messrs. L. E. Lammert and R. Pestonji be elected life members. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Lammert recalled that he joined the Club on its inception in 1894 and had thus beaten Mr. Pestonji by one year.

An increase in the monthly subscription by \$1, making it \$3, was brought up at the extraordinary meeting which followed the annual meeting. This motion was defeated in April. After an appeal by the Chairman, the meeting approved the increase.

#### OFFICE BEARERS

The following office-bearers were appointed: President, Mr. B. W. Bradbury; Vice-President, Mr. C. S. Rosset; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Zimmermann; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Randall; Committee, Messrs. L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates,

#### Cricket Comments To Be Resumed

Regular cricket articles by "B. Abbit" will be resumed as from Tuesday next. A request is made to Secretaries of Cricket Clubs that they be good enough to supply copies of their fixture cards to c/o the "Hongkong Telegraph".

#### Club Rugger XV

The following will represent Club "A" at Rugby against Army "A" on the Police ground to-morrow afternoon at 3.15 p.m.: J. F. Hopkin, H. Van Leeuwen, D. Hynd, P. B. Wilson and E. Jones; T. O. Morgan and F. J. D. Clemen; C. M. Stark, E. W. Stout, B. Lee, L. A. Benn, F. Medley, A. L. Thomas, G. B. Godfrey and A. G. Dabiel.

W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, L. E. Lammert, W. O. Noddes, J. Leonard, Dr. V. N. Attenza, Convenors—Bowls, Mr. L. C. R. Souza; Tennis, Mr. J. W. Leonard; Badminton, Mr. W. O. Noddes; House Committee, Mr. W. K. Way; Social Committee, Mr. A. E. Coates. Cricket—Captain 1st XI, E. Zimmermann; Vice-Captain, G. Souza; Captain 2nd XI, A. M. Omar; Vice-Captain, B. R. France.

## SPORTS ADVT.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 2nd November, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21020).

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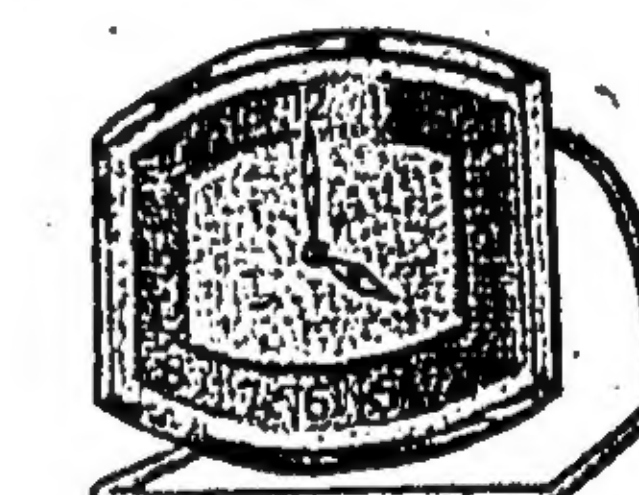
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## FRANCE NOT TO FIGHT BRITAIN

M. Laval's Assurances

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Oct. 31 (UP).—M. Pierre Laval to-day indicated that France would have no part in a war against Britain.

He stressed that collaboration with Germany would be colonial as well as economic, but he emphasised that "collaboration excludes all ideas of aggression."

The Vichy Foreign Minister stated this when he received the press at the Hotel Matignon in Paris to-night.

He warned his hearers that negotiations between France and Germany would be very difficult as long as military operations continued.

However, he declared that France was preparing a precise answer to the German questionnaire and hoped to be able to give an answer soon.

**Florence Meeting**  
ZURICH, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Decisions of capital importance concern-

ing France taken at the Florence meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, are likely to be the subject of a speech which Hitler will shortly make at a specially convened meeting of the Reichstag.

### Viceroy Of India To Stay

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Lord Linlithgow's term of office as Viceroy of India is extended for a further period of a year from April, 1941.

### U.S. To Build Ships For Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, said the British Government has placed orders with American builders for a "large number" of new freight ships.

#### Won't Disclose Details

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The fact that the British Government had ordered a large number of freighters from the United States was disclosed by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, to-day.

He said that he did not know whether the orders involved the construction of a new shipyard in the United States for exclusive British use and declined to give details beyond saying that the British had ordered a large number of one standard-type freight ship.

#### 10,000-Ton Vessels

Mr. Arthur Purvis, head of the British Purchasing Mission, later explained that he was trying especially to buy 10,000 ton cargo vessels.

The number to be purchased would depend largely on the number available. Some might be purchased in Canada but the bulk of business was expected to go to American shipyards.

## U.S. Interest In Vichy Policy Answered

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—M. Henri Haye, the French Ambassador, to-day gave the State Department renewed assurance that the United States had nothing to fear from possible developments affecting French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

Talking to pressmen after conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, M. Haye said he had delivered assurances that negotiations between France, Germany and Italy did not involve the question of any cession of territory or a separate peace with Germany.

A message received from Vichy last night, he said, denied that Germany had made any proposal for formal peace in the negotiations.

M. Haye added that he had not yet received any reply from Marshal Petain to President Roosevelt's message with regard to French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

### Mrs. Earl Browder To Leave

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The Department of Justice has ordered deportation to Russia of Mrs. Ralusa Berkman Browder, wife of Earl Browder, the Communist leader, on the ground that she entered the United States illegally.

The Browners were married in Moscow in 1928.

### British Garrison In Iceland Visited

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—General Viscount Gort, Inspector-General of the Forces for Training, has returned to England after a fortnight's visit to the troops in Iceland, according to a War Office announcement.

### Former British Judge In China Dead

Sir Frederick Bourne, Judge of his Majesty's Supreme Court at Weihaiwei from 1904 to 1916, died at the Firs, Mayfield, on August 23.

Frederick Samuel Augustus Bourne was born on October 3, 1854, his father being the Rev. S. W. Bourne. He was educated at St. Edmund's School, Canterbury, and in 1873 became a clerk in the War Office. Three years later he joined the China Consular Service and in 1885-86 was employed on special service exploring the country bordering on Tonking. For his services at Chungking in 1886 he received the thanks of the President of the United States.

In 1890 he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, and three years later was appointed vice-consul at Canton. He was consul in charge of the Blackburn Commercial Mission in 1896-97. Before being elevated to his judgeship at Weihaiwei, he had been from 1901 to 1916 Assistant Judge of his Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Corea at Shanghai.

In 1889 he married Isabel Alice, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. J. Chalmers, and had two sons and a daughter.

### MR. KENNEDY'S FUTURE

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The U.S. Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, may become head of the Defence Commission, the "Barnie Baruch" of the new World War, if President Roosevelt is re-elected.

This is suggested by two noted columnists in the "New York World-Telegram."

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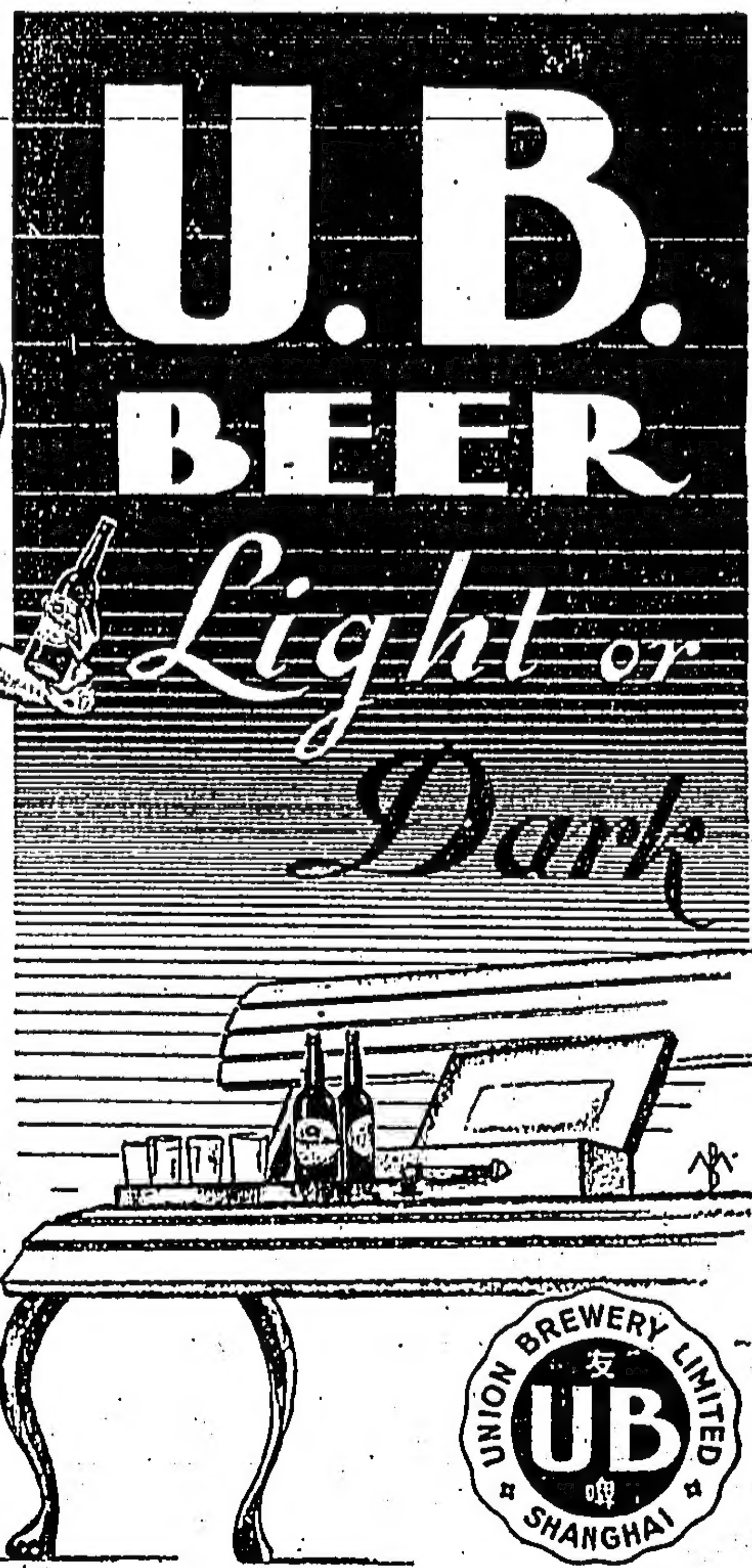
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